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## CEFN GLAS AND BRYNTIRION IN 'DIMMER' PILOT SCHEME COYCHURCH LIGHTS GO OUT IN NEW ENERGY SAVING TRIAL

by JAYNE ISAAC

**STREET lighting in parts of Bridgend county borough may be either switched off or dimmed as the council tries to cut its energy bills.**

Pilot schemes are to be carried out at Cefn Glas, where the lights will be dimmed, and at Coychurch and the adjoining Bridgend Industrial Estate, where lights will be switched off for part of the night.

These areas will be plunged back into the sort of lighting levels last seen in the UK in the 1950s.

Fears have also been expressed by the Community Safety Partnership in Bridgend that reduced street lighting could lead to increases in car crime, criminal damage and burglaries.

In a report to the cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), communities director Louise Fradd said that, while there had been a steady

increase in the quality and quantity of street lighting over the past 100 years, the cost of providing it had been thrown into focus by the steep rise in energy costs during the past year.

She said the cost of the electricity used for street lighting had risen from £315,000 in 2004/05 to £770,000 by 2008/09, plus a further £96,000 on illuminated road signs and traffic controls.

Ms Fradd stated that the council currently provides comprehensive street lighting to all residential, industrial and commercial areas.

However, there has always been less provision on rural roads, with lighting confined to major road junctions and accesses. Provision in the countryside was "needs driven".

She went on: "There are large sections of the highway network where vehicle and pedestrian movement is very infrequent through much of

the night, for example, industrial estates.

"Residential streets tend to be very quiet beyond midnight. There is also less reliance on public lighting with the increased usage of detector activated external lighting."

There were also significant sectors of the network where there was activity 24/7, including town centres, the major roads network and public service providers like hospitals.

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community safety and the CCTV network.

However, this could be balanced by assessing the contribution the cuts could make to meeting climate change targets, and also the environmental improvements made by reducing light pollution.

She said that some councils in Wales have already brought in sweeping changes, and it was clear that public acceptance of changed street lighting provision depended on local circumstances.

A survey of Welsh local authorities has revealed that 12 of the 15 who responded intend to either reduce the times that lights are on or reduce lighting levels.

Ms Fradd said that Bridgend has now developed a set of criteria to be used when evaluating the need for lighting on a street-by-street basis which took account of a number of concerns.

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## 'I BLESS THIS BOAT' - SAYS ARCHBISHOP

PHOTOGRAPH BY KEITH E MORGAN.



The Archbishop of Wales, accompanied by Canon Philip Masson, prepares to bless the new lifeboat with holy water.

**THERE were big crowds last Saturday (September 12) to see the Porthcawl RNLI's new lifeboat officially named.**

In fact, the Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend Dr Barry Morgan, came to the town to bless the boat and lead the service of dedication.

The new boat, which is to be called *Rose of the Shires*, was presented to Porthcawl courtesy of fundraising efforts by two land-locked towns - Kettering and Northampton.

As a result, Mrs Kim Matchem, chairman of the Northampton Ladies Lifeboat Guild, and Mr Ian Hunter, chairman of the Kettering branch, both had prominent roles to play in the ceremony.

Mrs Matchem officially handed the boat over to Mr George Rawlinson of the RNLI, while Mr Hunter had the honour of christening the boat with the traditional bottle of champagne, although he did not smash it against the hull!

(Mr Hunter is pictured on page 5, along with more photographs by Keith E Morgan).

There was a strong musical aspect to the ceremony, with contributions from the Ogmere Silver Band, Cor Meibion Porthcawl, and the children's choir from West Park Primary School.

The opening address was given by Mr John Abraham, the chairman of Porthcawl Lifeboat Station.

## Fire at Archbishop McGrath RC School

**ROADS around Archbishop McGrath RC School were closed yesterday (Wednesday) after a fire.**

Just as The GEM was going to press, police investigating the fire at the school in Tondy appealed for witnesses who may have seen someone acting suspiciously in the vicinity in the early hours of Wednesday morning - shortly after 3am.

A police spokesman said: "We are also investigating a number of other incidents in the area."

At neighbouring Ynysawdre Comprehensive school, a window to the youth centre was broken and a curtain set alight.

At 1.57am, the Fire Service responded to a report of a white van which was alight on Heol yr Ysgol - the same street as the schools.

Acting Detective Inspector Gareth Morgan of Bridgend CID said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious in these areas around the times in question."

Fire crews responded at 3am, and were able to prevent the blaze spreading to the school gymnasium. (Continued on page 3).

## 'Steve will be missed by all who knew him' Tribute paid to Porthcawl man who died in collision

**THE family of a 44-year-old Porthcawl man who died following a road traffic collision just outside Llantwit Major on Saturday has described him as a 'much loved father, who will be missed by all who knew him'.**

Mr Stephen Hoare died as a result of injuries sustained in a collision on the B4265 at the traffic lights junction with Llanmaes Road. The incident took place at around 5.20pm on Saturday afternoon. Two vehicles were involved - a blue

Triumph motorcycle and a black Ford Fiesta.

The motorcycle, which was being ridden by Mr Hoare, was travelling along the B4265 in the direction of Wick and the car was turning right into Llanmaes Road.

Mr Hoare, who was a mechanic, had a 15-year-old son Will and a girlfriend Angela.

His family paid the following tribute:

"Steve was a much-loved father, son, brother, uncle, and friend.

"He was a popular and fun-loving person and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him."



ABOVE:

Mr Stephen Hoare with his son Will.

A police spokesman said: "Witnesses to the collision, or anyone who witnessed the vehicles in the area, are asked to contact South

Wales Police Roads Policing Unit at Gwaelod y Garth on 029 2057 1600 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

## Could attendance figures re-ignite town council row?

**A TABLE of the attendances of every member of Porthcawl Town Council for the year 2008-09 has been published - and it could re-ignite a bitter row between the Conservatives and Lib-Dems.**

The row began when Conservative Coun Chris Smart attacked Liberal Democrat Coun Hayley Edwards for her poor attendance record.

He in turn was then attacked by Liberal Democrat councillors for having a go at the council's youngest member.

She joined in the argument, claiming that she had felt intimidated during meetings.

The row continued to bubble when Coun Jill Sweet stated that, while it could feel intimidating to get up and speak at first, she had never personally heard Coun Edwards ever speak - or attempt to speak - at

any meeting.

The table reveals that Coun Edwards does, in fact, have the lowest number of attendances at eight meetings out of 22. Her mother Eileen, who is also a councillor, attended 14 meetings.

Coun Smart also clocked up 14 along with Coun Barbara Stubbs.

Coun Mary Emmett Lewis, who has suffered from a serious medical condition, is next on 15 and Coun Clive Hare, who also has a serious health problem, is next on 16.

Six of the councillors have attended 20 or more meetings. They are Sean Aspey, Norah Clarke, Wendy Ingram, David Jones, David Newton Williams (who attended all 22), and Jill Sweet.

Conservative group leader David Deere is on 19, as is Lib-Dem leader Gerald Davies, also on 19.

Labour's two councillors, John Bunker and Alana Davies are both on 18.



## Has local council laid claim to the Bristol channel?

**D**URING a televised report about a dead whale that was beached at Cold Knap point, a spokesman for the Vale Council clearly stated (on television) that the council "owns the sea".

This being so, does our local council take revenue from vessels using the sea as it flows past past the coastline?

Does it enforce parking charges when they anchor?

Can we expect to be charged by the council for swimming in the sea that it "owns"?

Perhaps we can hear the views of the next leader of the council, Coun K Canute?

**Dave Adams, Barry**  
**GEM NOTE:**

*Clifford Parish, the operational manager for waste management and cleansing at the Vale Council, was the officer quoted on TV.*

*A council spokeswoman told The GEM: "This was just a slip of the tongue - he meant to say 'beach' as he was referring to the beach being under council ownership."*

*Our apologies for any confusion."*

*As previously reported in The GEM, borough councils such as BBCB and the Vale are responsible for removing waste such as animal carcasses from beaches.*

## Road show will highlight local consumer issues

**MEMBERS** of the Bridgend County Borough Council's Trading Standards team are on hand at the Bridgend Designer Outlet today and tomorrow, Thursday and Friday, September 17-18, from 10am-3pm.

They will be able to offer advice and information to consumers and businesses, and shoppers are urged to come along if they feel unsure about their rights when buying goods and services.

The event has been organised as part of National Consumer Week, which is highlighting the need for businesses and consumers to understand their rights and responsibilities.

Lee Jones, group manager for public protection, said: "We want traders to stay on the right side of consumer law which not only protects the interests of their customers, but also promotes good business."

The event includes prize draws, quizzes and freebies.

## 'Identifying what we value about our communities'

A DESIGN Commission for Wales' pilot project, 'Know your Place', will be visiting the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl on Wednesday, October 7-8, from 10am-5pm.

The roadshow will also visit Bridgend next month, and includes workshops using various media, from phone films to family albums!

Wendy Richards from the Design Commission for Wales, said: "We are passionate about places and we hope the roadshow will help develop greater capacity among communities to identify what they value about their places, and to understand local distinctiveness and sense of place."

"We want to help equip people to safeguard and enhance the distinct character of their towns and villages, and help influence positive change".

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## Bridgend College chief explains cuts measures

**I**AM writing in response to your article on August 27, entitled 'Rescue plans as funding cuts bite in Bridgend'.

While the article clearly seeks to appropriate some discredit on the college for some of the decisions that 'meet the wishes of the Bridgend College', I would like to explain the reasons for these decisions so that your readers can both understand and empathise with the

college's position, and at the same time recognise our commitment to adult community learning.

Firstly, the request to the borough to withdraw discounts for students aged over 60 is as a direct result of the new age discrimination legislation and the advice that we have received that continuing to offer such discounts for 'educational programmes' is in direct conflict with this legislation.

Secondly, the request for the borough to use the same fee structure as the college is an under-

standable one, since otherwise the borough could use the college's own franchise funding to undercut the college.

These college fees are also benchmarked on an annual basis and are consistently below the national average.

In past years we have made these same requests to the borough but, at our own risk, have not pushed the issues. This year I'm afraid we can't continue to ignore these discrepancies.

**Mark Jones, Principal**  
*Footnote: The GEM*

has no wish to 'appropriate discredit on the college'.

*The article merely quoted from the council's statement.*

## Incident saw people at their very best

**I**WISH to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Llantwit Major First Aid Group, and the staff of the Beach Café, for their prompt, professional and caring attention to my elderly husband when he slipped and fell, cutting his scalp open on September 9.

They were so expert that I felt very calm, and they had even called an ambulance before I could ask for one! To the crew of the ambulance and the staff at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, I also extend my sincere thanks.

It is thanks to all of these people that there have been no lasting consequences.

**Mary E Yudin,**  
**St Athan**

## NHS Trust responds to £30m deficit fears

**THE GEM's** story last week about a £30m deficit at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust has prompted a response from the trust.

A spokeswoman did not dispute that the £30m deficit existed.

She said: "The current financial plan identified a potential full year financial shortfall of some £30m at the commencement of this financial year in April, as a result of cost pressures arising from all

services across the trust. "Since then, the trust has been working to deliver the necessary savings to achieve this across the whole trust."

"Indeed, the majority of these savings have already been identified by the relevant clinical directorates, who are also addressing the balance of savings yet to be achieved."

Referring to suggestions that the Bro Morgannwg part of the trust was being put under financial pressure because of long-standing budget problems at

Abertawe, she said that, in the last year before the merger, the Abertawe trust had broken even.

She went on: "There is no diverting of resources from one part of the trust to other parts. All parts of the trust have been expected to contribute (and are contributing) to the savings requirement for the trust."

On the subject of potential staff shortages that have been a concern for unions, she said: "Staffing levels across the trust generally remain at the same levels as they were a year ago."

## Climate Change Action Day

**IN** the run-up to climate change talks in Copenhagen this December, Sustainable Wales invites families to a 'Living Lighter' Community Action Day in Porthcawl on Sunday, September 20 to launch a new Bridgend-wide campaign.

A children's zone includes a giant snakes and ladders, a film-making workshop for teenagers run by local surfers, local food, gift

and craft stalls, eco-gadgets, films and music videos, displays and information on cutting home energy bills.

There will be a chance to see the new 'green' film *The Age of Stupid*, which stars Pete Postlethwaite.

'Speakers Corner' will see experts, activists and guests explain why everyone will benefit from better use of energy in the face of 'peak oil' and climate change.

*The event takes place in the Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl, from 10am-4pm. Admission is £1; children 50p.*

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24)

*The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.*

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17 Thur	06.26	14.2	18.38	14.8
18 Fri	07.13	14.8	19.26	15.2
19 Sat	08.02	15.3	20.17	15.4
20 Sun	08.41	15.3	20.58	15.4
21 Mon	09.22	15.3	21.37	15.2
22 Tues	09.57	14.8	22.14	14.6
23 Wed	10.32	14.2	22.49	13.9
24 Thur	11.05	13.6	23.12	13.2

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## THREE YEARS OF BUDGET CUTS AHEAD COUNCIL GETS GRIM WARNING OVER FINANCIAL FUTURE

**A WARNING that council tax will have to rise – and council budgets be slashed – over the next three years, has been given to Bridgend's cabinet.**

A report from Gareth Moss, corporate director of resources, predicted that council tax at Band D would have to rise from the £1,008 paid in the current year to £1,139 in the year 2012-2013.

This would equate to an average increase of about four per cent per year.

Mr Moss said that indicative budgets being drawn up at the moment revealed that the council would be looking for an extra £9.1m over the three years to deal with things like pay increases, non pay inflation and to fund the "on-going job evaluation of council staff" for which no final figures are available.

Mr Moss said that in order to keep the council's finances balanced, the council will also need to cut £7.2m from its budget in the next financial year, 2010-2011, a further £4.9m for 2011-2012 and

another £7.7m for 2012-2013.

He said that given the current economic position, directors are now identifying spending reductions to cover an expected shortfall of £2.5m by next April. A total £500,000 will be found from the reserves.

In addition, the council will have to find the reductions needed for the next three years.

In all, the council faces a shortfall of £20m in its budget – the difference between income and expenditure – over the next three years.

He said that the council should not agree to any further growth in budgets until compensating budget reductions have been identified.

At the moment, there are projected savings of £750,000 in the adult social care budget this year and a further £150,000 next year.

A further £200,000 is due to be saved on the cost of children in care by increasing the use of the council's own in-house fostering service, and by a reconfiguration of children's home places.

## Kenfig Hill and District Choir holds annual concert



*The Kenfig Hill Male Choir recently performed at the Grand Theatre, Swansea, with the famous up and coming young singer, Hayley Westenra and the Raven String Quartet. The picture, taken during rehearsals, shows left to right: Phil Juliff (musical director, Kenfig Hill Male Choir), the Girls of the Raven String Quartet, Hayley Westenra and David Wykes (choir member).*

**KENFIG HILL and District Male Voice Choir holds its annual concert in Pysgah Chapel, Kenfig Hill, on Saturday, September 26.**

This year the guest artist is Eve Sherratt. Max Boyce is quoted as saying: "She is by far the most professional

and talented lady I ever worked with and she has the one the best voices I have heard".

The choir will be led by their new musical director Philip Juliff, accompanied by Andrew Chinnock, and the concert will be introduced by Tony Mullins. This year's programme includes many new items, introduced by the

choir's new musical director.

*Tickets are available from choir members and the choir secretary, Don Daniel, on 01443 229227.*

This weekend, the choir travels to Yorkshire for its biennial concert in Selby Abbey, this being the fifth visit to what is always to a capacity audience.

The popularity of the choir and this concert is such that more than 70 supporters will travel with them.

The choir ended the summer on a high when they appeared in Swansea's Grand Theatre with Hayley Westenra. The choir was delighted to be able to open the show and also join Hayley with her Maori rendition of *Hine Hine*.

## Street lighting cuts 'return to the 1950s'

**(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)**

These include:  
• Light pollution. The council has received significant complaints about intrusive lighting and also its impact on wildlife.

• The need to reduce energy consumption. Cutting down by 25 per cent on current usage would save 500 tonnes of carbon dioxide greenhouse gas emissions per year.

• Road traffic accidents and pedestrian safety.

• Street crime and community safety. The Community Safety Partnership has concerns about the impact on the physical and mental health of residents who may suffer more accidents, and also be afraid to go out at night.

Ms Fradd said that while highway authorities have the power to provide and maintain street lights, it is not a statutory duty and there was no requirement on councils to provide lights or keep them lit.

She did concede that if lights were switched off, there was concern that people's fear of crime would increase, and some people would not use local services at night because of the darkness.

The CCTV cameras would also be unable to record or monitor areas. There will be a need to

liaise with the system operators about the proposals.

Ms Fradd said that there were two options to reduce energy use – convert all lights to being energy efficient or to eliminate or reduce unnecessary lighting – the "trim and dim" solution.

The report explores the options in details.

• Converting to low energy white lamps would cost £455 per unit and £8m in total.

• Converting to electronic control gear would cost a further £250 per unit – a total of £4m.

• Placing wind or solar panels to power each street light would cost £3,500 per unit and has been ruled out except for remote locations because it is expensive and visually intrusive.

• Switching off street lights would have a minimal cost and produce instant energy savings, but there would be maintenance issues long term as street lights deteriorated.

• Installing night photo cells which would cost £18 per unit but would pay for itself within six months with the potential to save £250,000 a year.

• Fitting dimmer controls which would cost £1.3m overall but would save up to £250,000 a year, depending on the number converted. There

would also be less impact on the public than switching lights off for part of the night.

Ms Fradd said that the most affordable change, apart from just switching lights off, would be to install the part night controls at £18 per unit, whereas dimming would be £110 per unit.

The trim and dim option was the one favoured to reduce the council's energy bills by £300,000.

The Cefn Glas pilot scheme will also include Bryntirion and parts of Newcastle.

Dimmer controls would reduce power to street lights by 40 per cent between midnight and 5am.

They will be fitted to 850 of the 911 street lights. Exceptions will include lights at busy junctions, known accident black spots and pedestrian crossings.

Her report said that the dimmer lights

would return residential streets to the level last seen in the 1950s.

Coychurch and the adjoining Bridgend Industrial estate will pilot the night-time switch-off option, where 177 of the 463 street lights will be switched off from midnight to 5am.

The pilot schemes will run for a year and will then be assessed. Some changes may be made as the year progresses.

The cost of running them is £66,000. This will be found from the council's 'invest to save' budget.

Meetings will now be held in the two areas with borough councillors, community councils and other parties including the police. Every household will receive a leaflet explaining what's happening.

*A full report to cabinet will be made after the trial ends.*

## Rights of way public exhibition

**AN exhibition of the rights of way network in Maesteg takes place at the Maesteg Council offices in Talbot Street until September 25.**

It is open from 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday and will include photographs and maps of the valley.

The exhibition has been organised by Bridgend County Borough Council which has co-operated with the Countryside Council for Wales and Maesteg Town Council to produce a series of six leaflets detailing some of the walks, with information about points of interest along the way.

A walk has been arranged for September 19 when walkers are asked to meet at Maesteg railway station, as part of the Festival of Walks.

Walkers will follow Walk Two, which leads up to Ystad Celyn, past Gelli Lenor over the haunted bridge across the Nant Cerdin and then into woodland and around towards Sychpant. Llangynwyd Village can also be visited during this walk.

Full details are available from the Maesteg Council offices on 01656 732631.

## TMS to take on Handel's Messiah (No, that's not Test Match Special!)

**IN commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the death of George Frederick Handel, Tabernacl Music Society is performing Messiah on Sunday, October 4, at 7.30pm at Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend.**

This great work, enjoyed by audiences and choristers alike, was composed in 24 days in the late summer of 1741 and premiered in Dublin in 1742. It secured Handel's reputation as one of the world's greatest composers.

The choir is delighted to welcome soloists Rhiannon Evans (soprano) from Bridgend, Hannah Robbins (contralto), Iestyn Morris (tenor) and Owen Webb (bass), all of whom have won critical acclaim with their many operatic, oratorio and concert roles in venues in the

UK and across Europe.

The performance will be conducted by the choir's musical director Kevin Adams, and accompanied by the talented TMS orchestra.

This all-time favourite has attained a unique position in the musical life of our nation and as such, promises to be a sell-out, said a spokeswoman for the society.

Tickets: £8, school-children £4, available from 01656 654899.

TMS is proud to congratulate one of its choristers, Mair Wyn Davies, who won the hymn-writing competition (out of 47 contestants) at the National Eisteddfod in Bala this summer.

*Date for the diary: Sunday, December 13, Christmas charity concert with carols and a performance of 'A Christmas Cantata' by Geoffrey Bush – in aid of Alzheimer's.*

## Glanrhyd Hospital to build new 42-bed unit

**WORK is underway on building a new 42-bed unit at Glanrhyd Hospital.**

The project to modernise mental health services in Bridgend is being funded by a £32m capital grant from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The project aims to provide modern mental health services in accommodation that is fit for purpose.

National guidance has recommended the closure of old Victorian institutions, and replacing them with new units that ensure privacy and dignity for patients, with private en-suite facilities and single gender day areas where appropriate.

The mental health beds provided in Morlais Ward at the old Maesgwyn Hospital, now called the Croeso centre,

will be closed and the patients transferred to the new unit at Glanrhyd.

The estimated completion date for this scheme is February 2011.

A spokesman for Abertawe Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust, which runs these services, said that patients and carers have been fully informed about these changes and they will continue to be updated until the transfer takes place.

The £32m project includes providing the new ARC Day Centre currently being built on land opposite Bridgend Bus Station; providing an 18-bed Community Rehabilitation Unit at the rear of the old Tru HQ in Quarella Road and a building a further 20-bed continuing care unit on a site yet to be confirmed.

## Fire at school

**(Cont from page 1).**

The school's design and technology block was described as "completely destroyed".

The discovery of a gas canister, which could explode, meant that a 200-yard cordon was set up for 24 hours. Experts could not approach until the canister had cooled.

Neighbouring Ynysawdre Comprehensive was also closed, but it was expected to re-open on Thursday. Archbishop McGrath School hoped to re-open on Friday.

**Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol  
Local Health Board  
Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr, Bridgend**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**A meeting in public of the  
Bridgend Local Health Board**

will be held on  
**Wednesday 30th September 2009 at 2pm**  
followed by the Annual General Meeting  
from **4pm-5pm** at  
**Bridgend College Queens Road Campus,  
Queens Road South, Bridgend Industrial  
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**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME**  
Copies of the annual report will be available on the afternoon.  
Can be obtained by contacting the Local Health Board  
on 01656 754400.

We welcome communication in both English and Welsh.  
If you require any translation facility at the meeting,  
please contact us prior to the meeting.

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## LOCAL REGISTRAR JOYCE RETIRES AFTER SERVING FOR 17 YEARS



**ABOVE:**  
Joyce Dare (centre) with Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Jeff Tildesley, and the Leader of BCBC, Coun Mel Nott.

**THE woman who has presided over many local marriages is retiring – and performed her last duties this week at a citizenship ceremony.**

Bridgend County Borough Council's superintendent registrar Joyce Dare has conducted her last citizenship ceremony before she officially retires next month.

Joyce has held the office for 17 years, first for the former Ogwr registration district, and then for the Bridgend registration district since 1996.

Over the years she has performed hundreds of civil partnership, citizenship, vow-renewal and marriage ceremonies – including that of her own son and daughter-in-law!

Last Tuesday (September 8) she oversaw a moving final ceremony which saw 10 county borough residents, originally from countries as far afield as Nepal, Brazil and Turkey, become official British citizens.

The Leader of BCBC, Coun Mel Nott, was present to pay tribute to Joyce's long and loyal service.

He said: "Joyce has conducted all her ceremonies with great efficiency and dignity and she will be sorely missed. She has been an asset to this council and I wish her well in her very well-earned retirement."

Joyce is very sad to be leaving her role. She said: "I am leaving behind a lovely job and it will be a wrench."

"I have been fortunate enough to cover all sorts

of diverse ceremonies over the years from themed weddings, complete with dressed-up pets, to the citizenship ceremonies involving people from all over the world – which are always very special.

"People receiving British citizenship are always so appreciative because they have often taken years to get it. I'm always amazed just how many nationalities are represented in Bridgend county borough and have made the area their home."

Joyce added: "I've loved my job because I've always felt I was really making a difference. I've seen many lovely changes such as the introduction of civil partnerships and marriage ceremonies in alternative licensed venues like hotels. I will really miss it."

## Council plans to raise its public profile

**BRIDGEND County Borough Council has set aside a budget of just over half a million pounds for communications and marketing.**

The department has the equivalent of 14.3 full time staff.

It comes under the heading of corporate development and partnerships, which has a total budget of £4.1m and includes electoral services, overview and scrutiny functions and human resources.

During the past financial year, the department dealt with 552 inquiries from external media, including The GEM.

A report to the strategic partnerships and governance scrutiny committee identified as a potential risk to the council a failure to proactively engage in positive media relations externally and internally, which could impede the progress being made at the council.

The report went on: "It is vital that negative enquiries are dealt with and positive news stories are communicated effectively."

In outlining the objectives, the report states that improved communication with the

media and the general public was a desirable outcome. The department would be seeking to broaden the current scope of its external communications to target the national media and Welsh language media.

It also aims to create a one-stop shop for journalists. Success will be measured in the number of media enquiries received.

The department is also hoping to deliver a free handbook to all households which will be developed during the autumn for delivery next April. This will give people information about how the council works and what facilities it offers.

However, there are financial implications, although these were not spelled out.

Another objective is to "deliver more positive news stories" by liaising more effectively internally.

Staff are to be encouraged to suggest stories and a two way channel of communication will be developed. A staff survey will be held on this issue.

Another aim is to deliver a interactive and user-friendly website, which is due to go live next January.

### Bridgend AM's surgeries

**CARWYN JONES, the Assembly Member for Bridgend, will hold a surgery at 9.30am-11.30am, on Saturday, September 19, in his Bridgend constituency office, Emlyn House, 36 Caroline Street, Bridgend, CF31 1D.**

Saturday morning surgery operates with an appointments system.

Home visits can be arranged by contacting the constituency office; telephone 01656 664320; or email Carwyn.jones@wales.gov.uk.

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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**ABOVE:** Noteworthy mixed choir.

### Congratulations

**To Ken and Jean Smith of Betws, who will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, 50 years of bliss, on September 19.**

Happy birthday to Walter Jones on September 30 – he will be celebrating his 95th birthday.

### Aberkenfig Retired Persons Club

**THE club recently went on a day trip to Weymouth – a long and enjoyable day.**

When the coach left Aberkenfig it was a grey morning, but as the coach neared its destination the weather improved.

Weymouth itself is known as 'England's Bay of Naples'. Melcombe Regis, the area which is now the town centre and seaside, has a claim to fame as the port where the bubonic plague (Black death) entered England in 1348, caused by fleas living on black rats. In two years, half the population of England perished.

Weymouth featured prominently in the D-Day landings in Normandy during the Second World War, with many British and American troops having left the shores of England from Weymouth. In fact, between June 6, 1944 and May 7, 1945, 517,816 troops, together with 144,093 vehicles embarked to Europe from here.

The members would like to thank the coach driver for a safe but tiring journey, and he was courteous and helpful throughout.

At the next meeting, the club have booked Huw Irranca-Davies MP to give them a talk on the history of the Houses of Parliament.

The club meets at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, every Wednesday between 1.45pm-4pm. Visitors and new members are most welcome. If interested, please phone Joyce/Tom on 01656 720823/720026 for information.

### Noteworthy mixed voice choir

**THE choir was formed in July 2006, following a charity concert in aid of cancer research.** It had been an ambition of their musical director, Ryan Wood, to form a mixed voice choir for a number of years. The choir has a varied repertoire, consisting of traditional mixed voice choir 'classics', musical theatre and opera.

On Sunday, September 20 at 7pm, the choir will be holding a concert at St Michael's Church, Maesteg. Admission is free and the concert

lasts for approximately one hour, and everyone is welcome.

They will have as a soloist Rhian Hughes, a young soprano still attending school. This young lady not only plays a number of musical instruments, but is a member of Maesteg Children's choir and also Maesteg Amateur operatic society.

### Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute

**ON Wednesday, September 9, Eunice Williams, the president, welcomed the ladies of Aberkenfig and District WI to their first meeting after the summer break.**

'Happy Birthday' was sung to the September birthday girls, Sally and Barbara.

Congratulations were heaped on Marian Edwards upon her success in the Women's Institute Glamorgan Show. Marian had gained a first for a beautiful sampler which had taken her 18 months to complete, and second for a water colour painting.

The speaker did not arrive as expected, so the ladies decided to discuss future events, namely the Ascot Hat evening on Monday, September 14 and the Autumn council meeting in Barry in October.

The winner of the competition for an item beginning with the letter M was Margaret, with a 1944 Christmas dinner menu from the RAF mess room. Margaret was a secretary in the WRAF and still keeps some mementos of that time.

The raffle was won by Dilys and the wonderful tea hostesses were Betty and Pearl.

The next meeting will be on October 14 at 2pm at the Aberkenfig Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy. This meeting is the AGM and the members look forward to meeting ladies who may be interested in joining

## Lions? – Oh no, we're just teddy bears (on a picnic!)

**ONE of the regular events during Porthcawl's Sea Festival is the Teddy Bears' Picnic – organised by Porthcawl Lions Club.**

Once again, the boys and girls came along to Porthcawl Harbour, where there was entertainment laid on, including a bouncy castle.

There were stories for the younger ones, and food for all as the day, once again, was a great success.



**ABOVE:**  
We can't help feeling that one young man feels he is a bit old for this!

### RIGHT:

**Coun Newton-Williams says: 'Let me tell you a story'.**



**PICTURES  
by JOHN  
COSSON**

## Website for Wellbeing

**A NEW Health Challenge Bridgend website is being launched as part of celebrations in the borough for Healthy Living Week.**

The week, which runs from September 20-26, aims to encourage people to improve their health by trying something new, or doing something they have not done for a while.

The website has been developed by the council's Wellbeing directorate in co-operation with BAVO, the National Public Health Service, Bridgend Local Health Board and the Abertawe

Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust. Coun Lyn Morgan, cabinet member for Wellbeing, said: "Our Healthy Living Week motto is 'Why Not Try?' because there are so many little things that people can do to improve their health – even if it's having an extra piece of fruit a day or leaving the car behind and walking instead."

Information about activities on offer next week, which include guided walks, cookery demonstrations and Nordic walking, is available on the new website which is at [www.healthchallenge-bridgend.org.uk](http://www.healthchallenge-bridgend.org.uk)



# Official launch for Porthcawl lifeboat

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Porthcawl's *Rose of the Shires* was officially named last weekend, and there was a tremendous turnout for the occasion.

(See next week's GEM for more photographs)



ABOVE:  
Madeleine Moon  
MP and husband  
Steve with the  
Porthcawl  
Coastguard Team



Mr Ian Hunter, naming and  
christening the new lifeboat with  
the traditional champagne.



PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN.



LEFT:  
Phillip George of  
Traveland Wales,  
Sarah George,  
Philip Missen, the  
lifeboat operations  
manager, and Mrs  
Carol George.  
Traveland presented  
a new PA system to  
the lifeboat station



Pupils from West Park Primary sang at the ceremony.

## Maesteg Council news in brief

### THE cost of providing public toilets at Maesteg Welfare Park will be more than £40,000, Maesteg Town Council heard.

Bridgend County Borough Council has said that the toilets would be the responsibility of the town council, as it has no funding available.

This figures cover purchasing a toilet unit, connecting it to water and drains, arranging to open and close the toilets and maintenance.

Town councillors said that there was a need for these toilets as the park is well used by many sporting teams including junior clubs and visiting teams.

However, the town council does not have that level of funding available.

The council decided to write to chief executive Jo Farrar and council leader Mel Nott at the borough to see if some practical solution could be found.

The council is also asking both to intervene over the long delays in getting a public toilet set up at the Llynfi Road car park, which the town council is funding, in conjunction with the borough council.

DOG pooh bins are being installed in Garth Welfare Park, Maesteg Town Council was told. The bins are being paid for by the town council.

THE handrail leading from

Commercial Street to St Michael's Road is to be repaired at the expense of the town council and a new section of handrail is being placed on the bridge leading from Commercial Street to Meadow Street also by the town council.

A site meeting will have to take place with county borough engineers. The work will cost £1,800.

CAERAU ward councillors on Maesteg Town Council have agreed to spend the money allocated to their ward as follows:

- £2,000 for a fence around the welfare park, with the work being done by the Caerau Skills Centre.

- £1,000 to put a frame around the Caerau War Memorial to prevent wreaths being blown away following Remembrance Sunday.

This work will also be done by Caerau Skills Centre

- £1,000 to be spent on a fence at the grassed area at Wesley Street – again work to be done by Caerau Skills Centre.

MAESTEG Town Council has agreed to make the following donations: £200 to St Mary's and St Patrick's RC School for whiteboards; Shelter Cymru, £50; Curtain Up Youth Theatre, £50 towards the £14,000 cost of their forthcoming show.

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has been asked to investigate a claim from a member of the public that they were turned away from a right of way at Brynfeafad Farm, Cwmdru.

Maesteg Town Council has been told that problems at Cwmdru Canol and Ffos farms, also in Cwmdru, have been resolved.

They heard that Robert Jones of Cwmdru Canol had been very co-operative and he has been thanked for the work he has done to open up and waymark footpaths on his land.

MAESTEG Town Council is to congratulate Rhydian Jenkins of Turberville Street, Maesteg, on his success in winning the Male Solo Voice section for 12-16 years olds at the National Eisteddfod in Bala. Rhydian, aged-12, is a pupil at Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd.

A REQUEST for financial assistance from the new male voice choir – formed after a split from the Maesteg Gleemen – has been rejected by Maesteg Town Council.

BOIS GOETRE-HEN A'R CYLCH, which meets in Coytrahen, asked for some help as they are just starting up and the town council was told that eight of the 17 members live in Maesteg.

## Maesteg loses its traffic warden

MAESTEG has lost its only traffic warden after just a few weeks. The town waited months for a new traffic warden to be appointed and trained, after assurances were given that one would be deployed to the town.

But Maesteg Town Council has now been told that the warden is leaving and there are no plans to re-appoint.

The town will now be covered by a team of three wardens who between them cover the whole borough. They are all deployed to Maesteg from time to time.

Sgt Paul Thomas told the meeting that police were hoping to transfer responsibility for traffic wardens to the borough council, and investigations into this transfer are under way.

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## PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

# 'Make allotments secure' – Newton will get gates

**GATES are to be placed at entrances to the Newton Allotments in a bid to prevent thieves and vandals accessing the site.**

Simon Hughes, chairman of the Allotment Society, said that members were getting upset because the allotments had again been subject to vandalism, with crops being stolen.

In a letter to Porthcawl Town Council, which owns the site, he wrote: "This is very disheartening after the time and effort that goes into growing them from seed."

"Predominantly, the vandalism occurs at the bottom end of the site where people enter from the play park stile, and then cut across through the middle to the other stile, destroying crops as they go."

He said that allotment holders have held a meeting and have agreed to ask for permission to install two metal gates – one at either stile – which would be opened with combination locks.

He pointed out that there was no general right of access, as there is no public right of way through the allotments.

He added that preventing access would be in keeping with health and safety considerations, as people could suffer an accident.

Mr Hughes said that the gates would be made by one of the allotmenters and would be in keeping with the metal church gates on the north wall.

The council has agreed to the request.

**Beach clean is planned**  
**A CLEAN-UP of Newton beach is to be organised by Porthcawl Town Council after members received a complaint from a visitor.**

Mrs Marilyn Howe of Tymeinwr Avenue, Blaengarw, said that as a regular visitor to Newton beach she was concerned about the "disgusting amount of litter" on the beach.

She said that this was not altogether the fault of visitors as there was only one bin.

She went on: "It seems that the beach is rarely cleaned as, when I arrived this morning, there were still carrier bags of rubbish strewn around, as well as dirty nappies and the remains of discarded barbecues which are dangerous because of the metal grills."

"Every time I visit the beach, I have to clean it to make it more amenable to myself and my young grandchildren. Today, I filled a whole black bag and still it made little difference."

She added: "It's a truly beautiful area but so filthy. Is there any way that the matter of litter and the provision of bins can be dealt with?"

Conservative council leader David Deere said that the council should organise a clean-up itself and point out to Mrs Howe that two new bins have now been provided at the beach. This was agreed.

**Pond deal is scrapped**  
**PORTHCAWL Town Council has dropped plans to buy the pond at Moor Lane, Nottage.**

The council had intended to buy the pond at a nominal £1 from its present owners, but difficulties about access to the pond over adjoining land, and also fears about possible contamination have led the council to scrap the idea.

Council leader David Deere said that the council's lawyers had recommended acting with caution and he was mindful of the old legal maxim – Let the buyer beware.

He moved dropping the purchase and this was agreed.

**Are Porthcawl trees dying?**  
**BRIDGEND County Borough Council is to be asked to investigate if trees in Victoria Avenue in Porthcawl are dying.**

Resident Jean Barraclough contacted Porthcawl Town Council to point out that she had been walking near the council offices when a sudden downpour caused her to seek shelter under a horse chestnut tree planted in the street.

She went on: "I noticed the leaves were limp and parched in spite of the rain. The tree was surrounded by paving stones and the small space between the bole of the tree and the paving stones was filled with tarmac."

"The rain is unable to reach the roots. Also, the leaves are browning – a little early for autumn."

She added: "I have seen grids which are put around tree trunks in town to enable the rainwater to reach the roots. I think you need to consult an expert on this matter."

She said that in her view, the trees in Victoria Avenue are dying and she fears that other trees in the town may also be affected.

Mrs Barraclough pointed out that the cost of removing the dead trees would be appalling, apart from the effect their loss would have, leaving streets looking barren.

Porthcawl Town Council has decided to forward her letter to the county borough council to ask their tree experts to investigate and take appropriate action.

**Concern over bus shelter**  
**PROBLEMS with a bus shelter at Heol y Goedwig, Porthcawl, are to be drawn to the attention of its owners, Bridgend County Borough Council.**

Porthcawl Town Council was told by a local police and community support officer that this shelter was in a bad state of repair and was acting as a focal point for anti-social behaviour.

He asked for it to be demolished.

However, enquiries made by clerk Ceri Anderson revealed that it was in regular use and it was agreed to pass on these concerns to the borough council.

**Council take a second look at skateboard park**  
**PORTHCAWL Town Council has appointed contractors to build the town's new skateboard park – but its location is to be reviewed.**

Residents of Heol y Goedwig have objected to plans to locate the skateboard park on land near their homes.

The issue of where it is to go will be looked at again when other possible options will be considered.

The town council has voted to accept a scheme proposed by one firm of contractors at a cost of £65,000.

The town council is putting up £40,000 itself, with the remainder coming as match funding from Bridgend County Borough Council.

The town council put up its precept this year in order to fund this and other capital projects.

Once the site has been finalised, the council will submit a planning application.

Council leader David Deere said he hoped that the new skateboard park would be up and running by the spring.

**News in brief**  
**SOUTH Wales police are being approached by Porthcawl Town Council to see if they would be interested in operating a mobile CCTV camera which the town council would pay for. It would be ring fenced for use only in Porthcawl.**

CONGRATULATIONS about the condition of the public toilets in John Street, Porthcawl, are to be passed onto Bridgend County Borough Council which owns them.

Mrs PA Rowlands of Nant Lais, Corntown, wrote to Porthcawl Town Council to say that on a recent visit to the town, her husband and herself had both used the conveniences and found them to be spotlessly clean and well maintained. She asked for her favourable comments to be conveyed to staff.

THE Porthcawl Regeneration Strategy has now decided to give top priority to the retail aspect of the scheme with leisure coming next and housing last.

This information was given to a joint meeting of the town council and Porthcawl Chamber of Trade. Traders raised concerns about plans for a new supermarket, and former president Alun Edwards felt that whichever chain was chosen, it should be the one that had the best interests of the town at heart.

THE poor condition of the railings around Porthcawl harbour were raised at a meeting between the town council and the chamber of trade.

The meeting heard that there was a serious health and safety issues because of the poor condition of the railings, but BCBC had done nothing about it despite being informed.

This issue will now be discussed by the town council's Capital Projects Committee, together with the need to upgrade the underpass from John Street to Station Hill.

# Life is getting easier for a boy named Sue

by PHILIP IRWIN

**A LOCAL actor has emerged as one of the hot tickets at the Edinburgh Festival in a show which has taken one of the top awards.**

Dafydd Huw James, who is 30 years old, acts, sings and writes his own music, and his show, entitled *My Name is Sue*, took the coveted 'Total Theatre Award for Music and Theatre'.

As the photographs show, he plays a female character (Sue) a 46-year-old Cardiff housewife, who gradually reveals a dark side as she tells the audience about her life, mainly through songs that reviewers have described as 'catchy'.

Dafydd, who plays piano in the show as well, wrote the songs, sings them in character as Sue, and co-wrote the storyline with Ben Lewis, a friend from university days.

His parents, Mair and Doug, still live in

Cowbridge, and are thrilled that his new show has attracted so many positive reviews.

They told THE GEM: "The standard is very high, as there are more than 2,000 different performances taking place all day, every day, at various venues throughout August."

Dafydd, who went to Iolo Morganwg Primary School in Cowbridge, and then on to Ysgol Glantaf in Cardiff, said that he had always wanted to be an actor and writer.

He said: "I can't recall wanting to do anything else, right from the days of school concerts."

He chose his drama school, the London International School of Performing Arts, because it specialised in training actors and singers who wanted to create their own work as well.

He said: "It was never a matter of just speaking other people's lines."

Since then, he has earned a respectable living, all the time writing and performing new works – some in Welsh and some in English.

A Welsh language play that he wrote is scheduled to be performed at the Sherman, and he and Ben Lewis are already at work on a new show.

Looking at reviews of

*My Name is Sue*, it is clear that the piece has fascinated the critics, even if they are not quite sure what to make of it.

However, most performers would give their right arm for comments like these, again from THE Stage: "It treads the line between the real and the grotesque, the comic and the pathetic."

"Sue's story gradually becomes like one of the small tragedies in Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*, a cheery exterior disguising a dark and complex inner life."

"My Name Is Sue can be appreciated as a bizarre comic creation, the subtle presentation of a quietly sad characterisation, and a cleverly written and entertaining song cycle."

Quite bizarrely, there is absolutely no connection with the Johnny Cash song, 'A Boy Named Sue' – even though the big moment in the Cash song is when he shouts 'My name is Sue! How do you do!'

Dafydd said: "When we chose the title, neither of us was aware of the song. It was a complete surprise when people pointed it out to us."

He added that there were certainly no parallels with the story.

At the moment, it looks as if Dafydd and Ben's show will be going on a mini-tour early next year, with a bigger tour likely in the summer.



ABOVE:  
Dafydd Huw James back home in Cowbridge, and (below) in character as Sue in his hit show.



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## PORHCRAWL TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

**LINKS** are to be created between the Porthcawl Town Council website and the Porthcawl Chamber of trade site.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is to be asked how much money it gets from the car parks in Porthcawl. This information was requested by the town's chamber of trade, which is arguing for a reduction to encourage shoppers into the town.

The proposed temporary car park at Sandy Bay, which will operate when the regeneration work is underway at Salt Lake, will have no exit or entrance via Sandy Lane during term time.

The lane adjoins

Newton Primary School. Rhych Avenue will be used at these times instead.

The state of Porthcawl's sea defences is being monitored by the borough highways department, a joint meeting of the town council and chamber of trade was told.

Bids have been submitted by BCBC for funding from Europe to upgrade them, but there have been no responses to date.

**PROBLEMS** with pigeon droppings in Station Hill will be investigated by Coun Alana Davies after she heard that no action had been taken by BCBC, despite complaints being made.

## BRIDGEND QUIZ LEAGUE NEWS CURTAIN-RAISER FOR QUIZ TEAMS

**THE annual presentation evening of the Bridgend Gem Quiz League took place on Monday, September 7, at Pyle RFC clubhouse.**

Although the attendance was not as high as one would expect, the occasion went very well and, as always, the array of trophies, so generously donated by The GEM newspaper, attracted admiring glances and comments.

The recipients were:- League Champions and KO Cup winners, Royal Oak Nomads for the third year in succession. League runners-up Colliers Arms and Oldcastle 'A'. Cup runners-up Aberkenfig Social Club, Division 2 winners, Prince of Wales 'A', Coychurch, runners-up Llangeinor AFC, Plate winners, Oldcastle 'A' and runners-up Prince of Wales 'A'.

As is the custom on presentation evening, the Muriel Williams Cup competition also took place and was won for the second successive year by The Nomads.

The first matches of the 2009-10

season will take place on Monday October 5.

**HERE is this week's 'food-for-thought':**

1) Which area of East London takes its name from a marker signifying its distance from the boundaries of the city?

2) Which word coined from the Greek for "all the demons" was used to refer to an unrestrained uproar and was used by John Milton as the principal city in Hell?

3) Which horse did Jenny Pitman train in 1983 when she became the first female trainer of a Grand National winner?

4) Which African country was known as Upper Volta before being renamed in August 1984?

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**QUIZ ANSWERS:**  
1. Mile End.  
2. Pandemonium.  
3. Corbiere.  
4. Burkina Faso.

## Bridgend police appeal after delivery driver is robbed in Wildmill

**POLICE are appealing for information about a robbery that took place at Glanffornwg on the Wildmill Estate, Bridgend, at around 11.45pm on Saturday, September 12.**

A male delivery driver for a local takeaway was approached from behind and pushed by two males, causing him to lose his balance, and as he did so his takings were stolen.

The first man is described as having a skinny build, approximately 20 years of age, and dressed in a black coat with the hood up over his head. The second was also slim, with short dark hair, approximately 20 years of age and wearing a white tracksuit jumper with a Nike logo on it.

Detective Sergeant Paul Mason of Bridgend CID said: "The driver

was shaken up by this incident, but thankfully uninjured. I am appealing for any people who were in the Wildmill area and saw persons matching the descriptions of the suspects to contact Bridgend CID, or if anyone has information regarding this matter to come forward."

Anyone with information should contact Bridgend CID on 01656 679518 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Farmers' Market 10th celebration

**CROWDS gathered at Bridgend Designer Outlet on September 5, where Bridgend Farmers' Market celebrated 10 successful years of trading.**

Stallholders from around the county borough and south Wales combined to showcase the best of what's local.

Farmers' Market committee member, Gill Morgan, said: "We are

thrilled with the way the day went, and are pleased to have such a positive response to the market. People really are more concerned these days about knowing where their food comes from".

The regular Bridgend Farmers' Market takes place on the fourth Saturday of every month in Awel-Y-Mor Centre, Porthcawl. For more information visit [www.bridgendfarmers-market.co.uk](http://www.bridgendfarmers-market.co.uk).



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# St Athan commander takes salute at his first Sunset Ceremony

ON September 3, the Commanding Officer at MoD St Athan, Commodore Anthony King, hosted his first Sunset Ceremony as commander.

He was joined by guests from across the Vale and beyond, including the Lord Lieutenant for the County of South Glamorgan, Dr Peter Beck, Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Emllyn Williams and Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp.

Historically, the event was held by the Royal Air Force to coincide



with the anniversary of the Battle of Britain and although St Athan is now a fully integrated tri-service unit, the tradition of holding the event

in September has remained.

Commodore King, commented: "Since my arrival in the Vale I have been met by many welcoming and positive people. The unit's annual reception provides the ideal opportunity for the military personnel, based on the site, to meet and engage with members of the wider community in a more social setting,

**ABOVE:**  
**Commodore Anthony King, Wing Commander Lyndon Jones and Commodore Al Rymer.**

and for us to express our thanks to them for their valued and continuing support to MoD St Athan."

## Gardening club meeting

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Gardening Club will be on Thursday, September 24, at 7.30pm, in the Lesser Hall, when the speaker will be Mr Richard Arnold, of The Really Welsh Company who will talk on bulbs.

New members most welcome.

# Coychurch 'crem' is up for an award

COYCHURCH Crematorium in Bridgend has made the shortlist for the 'Cemetery of the Year' Awards (CYA) 2009.

Representing South Wales, Coychurch Crematorium is among five finalists from a group of nine entrants in Category D - Crematoria and Grounds.

Organised by the Memorial Awareness Board (MAB), the awards endeavour to increase public awareness of the importance burial sites can play within their communities. The entrants were assessed on a whole range of criteria, including design, local community involvement, memorial choice and environmental initiatives.

The winning sites will be unveiled on Tuesday, September 29 during an awards ceremony hosted at the annual Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) Conference and Exhibition at Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

# Have you seen Charlie the owl?

A FOUR-MONTH old eagle owl named Charlie that escaped from its home in Canton on August 13, has been spotted in the Vale.

Vale Council park rangers saw an eagle owl, believed to be Charlie, in a tree in Victoria Park, Barry on August 26. They say the owl looked "a bit scruffy" and that he flew off in the direction

of Palmerston.

However, last week he was sighted at The Four Bells pub in St Athan. Unfortunately he couldn't be caught.

As Charlie is only a young, domesticated bird, there are fears he will not be able to fend for himself in the wild.

Anyone spotting the bird should contact the RSPCA immediately on 0300 1234 999.

# LOCAL ADULT EDUCATION STARTS A NEW YEAR

ADULT classes throughout Bridgend County Borough get underway from Monday, October 5, but enrolment is next week.

Despite difficulties with the funding this year, the council has managed to put together a series of courses under the Adult Community Learning banner.

Fees have been increased in line with those already charged by Bridgend College. Pupils will now pay £2 an hour instead of £1.50 and there are no exemptions for pensioners, although people on some other benefits are eligible.

The council has reduced the length of some courses to keep costs down and they are offered for five weeks, eight weeks or 10 weeks. A five-week course, which will consist of 10 hours of teaching, will cost £25 for the over-19s. Eight-week courses will cost £32 and 10-week courses will cost £40.

The classes are held at 30 different venues throughout the borough. There are now 207

courses available - a reduction from the 300 that were offered last year.

However, there is a big emphasis on various IT and computer skills, with a total of 57 different classes available.

More traditional subjects like cookery are not so evident in the time table, and it is on offer at seven classes at only six venues.

Flower arranging has four classes, while sewing is available in six classes in five venues.

Other subjects on offer include various crafts, art, aromatherapy and other health related courses; gardening and French and Spanish, but there are no Welsh classes at all on offer.

It would also appear that all the classes in each venue are concentrated into one day. For example, at Maesteg Comprehensive School, everything is offered on a Tuesday, whereas in the past the old Adults Education Centre at Llwynderw School operated three evenings a week, meaning pupils could take more than one subject.

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## Road closed at Weston Square for £3.2 million flood prevention project

SOME people have been puzzled by the road closure in Barry which prevents traffic travelling between Weston Square and Cardiff Road.

A £3.2million scheme is underway to alleviate flooding in the area.

A new sewer is being constructed in which engineers will tunnel under the railway line from the playground in Weston Square, all the way to Dow Corning land.

The work is being undertaken by Morgan Est for Welsh Water and the road closure is likely to last until February next year.

Andrew Bowen of



**ABOVE:**  
The Weston Square road closure will remain until February next year while Morgan Est carries out flood prevention work on behalf of Welsh Water.

Welsh Water explained: "We would like to thank the community in advance for their patience while this

essential work is carried out. "The scheme will directly benefit Barry residents and reflects

our commitment to providing improvements to customers through investment in our network."

**The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)**

## Sheldon needs a good home

A DOGS TRUST spokeswoman said: "Sheldon is a bright and active little chap.

"He can be a bit of a worrier in new situations and with new people, but with a bit of time and patience to allow him to get to know and trust you, he comes around really well.

"He'll make a fun and entertaining companion for someone. He is friendly with other dogs and could live with a calm female dog.

"He's housetrained and fine to be left alone for a few hours, and he has lived with a cat in his previous home. He would like an owner used to terriers, and he is suitable with children 14 years and over."

For information on Sheldon or any of the other dogs who are looking for a good home, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Court Colman, Pen-y-fai, Bridgend, or phone 01656 725219. Sheldon and some of his friends are on the website, which is at [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk), (just click on Rehoming).

**AM's surgery** CHRIS FRANKS AM will hold an advice surgery in Llandough on Friday, September 18.

The surgery will take place between 10am-11am at the Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Institute, Penlan Road, Llandough, CF64 2LT.



**ABOVE:** Sheldon.

## NEWS FROM BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

**Tuesday, September 8;**

Joint first – Noelle Bond and Kay Dyer (62.50 per cent), and Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones.

Third – Mike Close and Gerald Gould (59.52 per cent).

Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information ring 01446 733425.

**AM's surgery**

JANE HUTT, Assembly Member for the Vale will be holding a surgery on Friday, September 18, between 4pm-6pm, at 115 High Street, Barry.

No appointment necessary. If you have any questions contact the office on 01446 740981.

**Sully fun day**

SULLY Centurions Cricket Club is holding a sponsors' day cricket match and fun day for families at The Ground, Burnham Avenue, Sully, on Sunday, September, 20, from 12.30pm to late.

## Phantom of the Opera star returns to his beginnings!

INTERNATIONAL West End star Peter Karrie is coming home! The man twice voted 'best Phantom' by the Phantom of the Opera Appreciation Society is performing in Barry and Cowbridge in the next few weeks.

Peter was born in Bridgend, and raised in the Vale in the village of Llanmaes, so performing in Cowbridge Town Hall on October 3 at 7.30pm is something he has particularly looked forward to.

He told The GEM: "The concert is called 'An Evening with Peter Karrie' and part of the proceeds of the concert are going towards restoring Llanmaes' St Catwys Church roof."

For Peter it means a real return to his musical roots.

"Cowbridge Town Hall was the very first venue where I performed to a live audience.

"It was in the days of 'Beatlemania' and we were a new group formed out of The Farmers Arms in Aberthyn.

"It was our rhythm guitarist, John Wedlake's father's pub. We were all just old enough to drive.

"The group was called 'Peter and The Wolves' and after rehearsing for what seemed a lifetime we appeared on stage at the Cowbridge Town Hall for a Saturday night 'Hop'.

"It was like appearing at the Albert Hall to us! At the end of the night I looked up and saw my

father and mother curiously peering around the edge of the hall's main doorway; I was in the middle of screaming out the Beatles number, 'I wanna hold your hand!'

"My parents saucer-shaped eyes were unable to take in the dancing chaos going on inside so they quickly left!

"Dad didn't speak to me for weeks. He thought I had been going to extra rugby training three times a week, not off rehearsing with some pop band or other in Aberthyn!"

On September 26 Peter is also doing a special Age Concern-sponsored afternoon show for senior citizens at Barry Memorial Hall.

He said: "As a youngster I used to live in Barry, at 161 Pontypridd Road, and went to Romilly Junior School.

"I remember that we had just the best summers ever down at Cold Knap!"

"My Gran lived at 6 Goldsland Place and mother was a telephonist in the BT exchange in Thompson Street.

"Doing a concert in Barry always seems to re-ignite the best of memories for me. When I was a kid I always thought that one day I would come back and buy Barry Town Football Club and take it to the top of the league!"

Peter's big break,

which led to West End stardom, was in Leeds.

He explained: "I was hosting at a club in Leeds – at the time Joe Brown and the Brothers were on the bill. The club manager suggested that I give a producer in London a call.

"I got the part of understudy in a Ray Cooney rock musical, Fire Angel. I had one chance to go on and impress and by chance the producer Stephen Bentink was in the audience and he put me into a musical about James Dean.

"Although the two musicals only ran for about eight weeks I was spotted by showbiz impresario Robert Stigwood, who cast me as Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar."

And for Peter the rest was history!

After living in Somerset for a number of years, he has moved a



**ABOVE:** Peter Karrie has many happy memories of growing up in south Wales.

little closer to home and lives in Lisvane in Cardiff.

Tickets for the Cowbridge concert can be purchased at Quills Card Shop in the town or by telephoning 01446 773853; for details of the concert in Barry call 01446 738622.

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## The Amelia Trust harvest festival attracts the crowds



ABOVE:  
Jane Hutt AM, with Calli Jones  
and Nick Rodgers.

WITH brilliant autumn sunshine all weekend, the crowds flocked to the Amelia Trust Farm's Harvest Festival to enjoy the fun and get stuck into the activities on offer at the farm.

Vale AM Jane Hutt, joined in the fun and met the Deacon and coordinator, Lorraine Brown, as well as the chair, Nick Rodgers and all the volunteers who helped out.

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## SCHOOL OPENS NEW BUILDING AND BEATS THE DOWN-TURN

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GLORIOUS weather shone down on St John's School, Porthcawl, as pupils, parents, staff and friends enjoyed a traditional street party to celebrate the official opening of the new Pre-Prep building.

The building was opened by TV and radio presenter Roy Noble, who entertained the partygoers with tales of his time as a schoolboy and as a headmaster.

The old building had been demolished and the new building completed during the school's summer holiday, and children from nursery to year-3 classes had been excited to see their new classrooms on the first day of term.

Mrs Karen Price, head of the school's Early Years unit, said: "We are delighted with our new classrooms and the facilities for the children; to see their faces on their first day back was a joy!"

There was also more to celebrate as the school had seen its largest intake of pupils at the start of the autumn term in over a decade.

Mrs Carol Clint, headmistress, said: "At a time when many other schools and businesses are being adversely affected by the economic downturn, we are clearly bucking the trend."

"It is a true testament to the quality of the teaching at St John's and the value of the all-round experience that an education at here brings."

"Over the past few years we have seen a steady increase in our pupil numbers, and we are delighted this term to see so many new pupils join our unique school which has very much the feel of a small community."

"We are truly independent, as the school is a registered charity, and as such we are completely committed to the education and care of our pupils."



St John's headteacher Carol Clint with Roy Noble.

## Cases in the Vale Magistrates court

WAYNE SHERLOCK

(19) of Robins Lane, Barry, admitted a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm which took place on July 1.

Magistrates gave a community order and 80 hours of unpaid work must be carried out within 12 months.

Compensation of £150 is to be paid to the victim and £100 prosecution costs must be paid too.

THOMAS BRISLEY (22) of Oak Road, Horfield, Bristol, admitted failing to stop after a road accident on the B4265 road near

Llantwit Major.

He was fined £170 and five points were added to his driving licence.

KERRY PACE (20) of Redhouse Place, Ely, Cardiff, admitted jointly stealing with Amy Parsons a quantity of make-up to the value of £288 from Tesco at Culverhouse Cross.

She was made subject to a community order and was told to pay £42.50 prosecution costs.

AMY LOUISE PARSONS (20) of Severn Grove, Cardiff, admitted jointly stealing with Kerry Pace make-up to the value of £288 from

Tesco at Culverhouse Cross.

She was made subject to a community order and told to pay £42.50 prosecution costs.

CHRISTOPHER NORMAN JOHN ALEXANDER (51) of Murlande Way, Rhose, admitted possessing cannabis/cannabis resin, a controlled class B drug on April 14. He also admitted producing cannabis.

Magistrates made a community order that includes a requirement for 150 hours of unpaid work within 12 months.

They also ordered a payment of prosecution costs of £60.

## Penarth care home worker stole from elderly resident

The deputy manager of a leading Welsh care home yesterday (Wednesday) admitted stealing more than £8,000 from an elderly resident.

Nicola Williams, 42, abused her position at Cliff Haven Care Home in Penarth to steal from an "elderly and vulnerable" resident.

A court heard she "showed no mercy" by repeatedly making withdrawals from the woman's Post Office account and building society account over four years.

The care home describes itself as "a market leader" specialising in care for dementia sufferers and costs residents £419 a week.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said: "She had the position of deputy

manager and part of her duties involved going to the Post Office to get money for residents.

"She used to accompany the woman to the Post Office when she needed money for cigarettes or clothes."

Mr Trigg told the court the woman was able to keep her account card in a safe at the care home. But Williams told the Post Office the card had been lost - and she kept hold of the replacement to steal the woman's money.

She was discovered after staff members began checking the woman's account statements.

Single mother-of-two Williams pleaded guilty to two counts of theft.

David Pinnell, defending, said

Williams had fallen behind with catalogue and credit card debts.

Mr Pinnell said: "She is extremely sorry for what she has done."

Williams, of Highbury Road, Ely, Cardiff was given an eight month suspended sentence and ordered to do 200 hours of unpaid work.

Recorder Charles Fox said: "This was a very serious breach of trust - this lady was not able to care for herself."

"She was a very vulnerable lady and these offences continued over a considerable period of time."

"I have been asked to show mercy to you but you showed no mercy to this lady."

## PANTHERS OFF TO FLYER

AFTER months of beach fitness training, Porthkerry Panthers under-12s finally got back to competitive football with a trip to Corntown to play Cowbridge Town.

The Panthers came out of the blocks quickly and opened the scoring with less than a minute played after a superb run by Lloyd James, who found the head of Callum Parker with a pin point cross.

Harry Lambert's curling left foot shot doubled the lead before Tom Lucas persistence paid off with a brace.

Cowbridge never stopped fighting and pulled one back mid way through the first half with a fine finish and run to beat the off side trap.

Further goals from Callum and Harry put the game to bed before Thomas Jones rounded off the half with a neat one - two to fire past the keeper on the stroke of half time.

Second half hat-tricks from the impressive mid-field duo of Anton Grigoriou and Kyle Henderson extended Panthers lead.

Callum and Harry completed their hat-tricks before a cameo performance from goalkeeper Ben Dwyer who finished with a trade mark toe poke from three yards to complete a fine performance.

PANTHERS 9-1 VICTORY  
DINAS started the brighter and justifiably went one up when the Panthers failed to clear the ball to allow Dinas to lob the keeper on the edge of the area.

The Panthers suddenly woke up after 15 minutes and equalised from a corner through James Scott from a perfect Kyle Henderson delivery.

It was now all the Panthers and a through ball allowed Harry Lambert to drill a low drive into the bottom corner to put the Panthers 2-1 up.

Callum Parker's shot took a deflection before Harry Lambert made it four with another strong run and finish.

The second half started with sustained Panthers pressure. The hard-working Lambert rounded the keeper and crossed, allowing Callum to score his second, before Ben Tanner put through his own net under pressure from the impressive Panthers mid-field.

Harry Lambert and Callum Parker completed their hat-tricks for the second successive game, before a strong run to beat three Dinas defenders and a ferocious shot into the bottom hand corner from Kyle Henderson finished the scoring for the Panthers.

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# ROLE OF BARRY IS HIGHLIGHTED SECOND WORLD WAR EXHIBITION OPENS

**A TWO week exhibition on the role that the people of Barry played in the Second World War opened at Art Central in the town's library on Saturday, September 12.**

Local military historian, Dr Jonathan Hicks, who has written numerous articles for The GEM, will be present on all three Saturdays of the exhibition, and explained: "Until such time as Barry has its own museum, events such as this are one of the few ways that local people can come together to share their interest in the history of our town."



**ABOVE:** Dr Hicks is looking forward to meeting more people at the exhibition over the next two Saturdays.

*The exhibition attracted people from the Second World War generation, but also people from younger generations interested to discover more about Barry's contribution to the war effort. (See full report to the right).*

## Barbecue Week contest winners

**THE winners of The GEM's recent competition in conjunction with National Barbecue Week were:**

P Minchinton, Barry; CA Hellard, Llanharry; Mrs I Hooper, Llantwit Major; F Marshall, Porthcawl.

*Congratulations to you all and look out for more great Glamorgan GEM competitions in the weeks ahead.*

## Lucky Legoland ticket winners!

**THE winners of our recent Legoland competition were Wendy Ballantyne of Barry; RE Farmer of Cowbridge; and Laura McGreevy of Llantwit Major.**

They each win a family ticket for the attraction.  
*Congratulations to you all.*



**'MOST EVOCATIVE', 'poignant', 'a wonderful display', 'this is an important event' and 'a fitting tribute to the people of Barry who did their bit in extraordinary times.' Just a few of the comments made by visitors to the 'Barry and the Second World War' exhibition currently being staged at Art Central in Barry.**

On Saturday, September 12, the event was opened by the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Emlyn Williams and Jane Hutt AM gave her thanks for the mounting of an excellent exhibition.

Organiser Dr Jonathan Hicks, in his speech of welcome.

spoke of his childhood growing up exposed to Hollywood's version of the Second World War, and how a visit to the battlefield of Arnhem had brought home to him the true purpose of his exhibition.

Dr Hicks said: "It is about remembrance, the courage of our armed forces and civilians, of the horror and terror and sheer destructive power of mechanised warfare. But it is also about peace, about reconciliation and perhaps even forgiveness."

"We should be aware that this war affected the lives of millions of people of many different nationalities.

"But most of all it is about the people of Barry – our often maligned town of which we are so immensely proud. It is about the people who were fortunate enough

to survive, and those  
who gave their lives to  
ensure that we have the  
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today to remember  
them

"What you see on these walls are their stories."

Several re-enactors were present to show the uniforms that the soldiers would have worn and more details can be found at: [www.rwfr.webs.com](http://www.rwfr.webs.com) and [www.theworldatwar.info](http://www.theworldatwar.info).

Many visitors, including local historian Andy Hinton, commented: "We need a permanent setting and we need a museum!"

*The Barry and the Second World War* exhibition at Art Central, Barry is open until Saturday, September 26, 10am-4.00pm daily (closed Mondays).



## Free weekend planned for medieval village

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## Bethan proves the supreme champion

TEN-year-old Bethan Rose, who lives in Wenvoe and goes to school at Sully Primary, started show jumping with her pony Jazz in December last year.

She competed in the SBEC show jumping championship, which runs for 11 months from October to September, with the finals being held at Sunnybank Equestrian Centre on September 13.

Bethan and Jazz went on to win second overall in the 1ft 6ins class, first overall in the 1ft 9ins



Bethan and Jazz.

class, first overall in the 2ft class and Supreme Champion of both juniors and seniors. A great achievement for someone so young.

## Wanderers fall short despite Lanagan century

WITH the league business done and dusted and the Wanderers 1st and 2nd teams safely promoted, it was time to enjoy the end of season frivolities with a friendly against old foes Rogerstone.

Wanderers' skip Barnes lost the toss and on a damp wicket and soggy outfield the home skipper elected to bat.

The Wanderers pick 'n' mix team looked raring to go but it was to be a long afternoon in the field chasing leather. First teamers Beckett and Blundell opened the bowling and immediately saw off Asif and Trinder.

However, this was a false dawn as Green, Brew, Berry and Harris all plundered runs with Harris particularly aggressive, top-scoring with 57.

Part-time bowlers Lanagan, Ellis and Thomas all turned their arm over with Thomas taking his first wicket for the Wanderers.

The fielding looked a little jaded (some had obviously enjoyed the promotion party a little too much) but in the end, and with the quality of opposition, a total of 225 all out was respectable enough and the sanctuary

of the clubhouse was sought for a well-earned cup of tea.

It was always going to be a tough total to chase, especially on an outfield with long grass. Thomas departed quickly for four, soon followed by Barnes and Wolfenden to leave the Wanderers on 28 for 3.

Simon Lane then joined Lanagan at the crease and steadied the ship with a well-constructed 24 before being bowled by Asif.

Ellis lost sight of his first ball, going for a golden, to join the select motley crew battling it out for the Duck Cup – Fenton keen to polish it up and get rid after three years!

However, Lanagan then showed his class and batted with immaculate concentration and skill to land his fourth century for the club, and with a little more support from his colleagues, the win might have been achieved.

Nevertheless, Lanagan deserved his man-of-the-match award for his outstanding batting performance. Blundell batted out the last few overs in the gloom as the Wanderers fell 58 runs short.

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## BARRY CAMERA CLUB NEWS

### 'Aim to please yourself – not the judges!'

BARRY Camera Club's first meeting after the summer recess saw members congregate in the hall of the St Francis Millennium Centre for Les Loosemore's talk on prints and panels.

The move to the larger space rather than our usual room was to accommodate Les's extra wide panel display stand. Les needed every inch of the extra space to display his large panels.

Les is a veteran of many photographic competitions and started off by stating that: "There's no such thing as a good judge".

Les, a judge himself, showed a number of pictures that had received varying degrees of praise or condemnation from judges to show the lack of consistency between

judges, and urged photographers to take pictures to please themselves rather than try to please judges.

Les then showed us a variety of panels he had taken to please himself.

Strong abstract themes, letterbox formats and manipulated sports photographs illustrated his wide ranging interests.

Les finished with a series of images showing an abandoned lime quarry. The derelict buildings and discarded machinery surrounded by drifts of lime gave the pictures a surreal quality and many of the assembled members thought that these were the best pictures of the evening.

Barry Camera Club chair, Steve Durbin, thanked Les for bringing along such a fascinating range of panels.

GEOFF FOWLER

## It's a hat trick of awards for Barry Island Primary



ABOVE: Pupils help to celebrate Barry Island's hat trick of BECTA awards

BARRY ISLAND Primary School has recently been awarded three national awards.

Following an assessment the school has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark by BECTA, the British Education Communications and Technology Award, who are the gov-

ernment-funded body responsible for promoting the use of ICT in Britain's schools and colleges.

The accolade recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of ICT in both administration and across the curriculum.

The school has also recently picked up a Green Flag award and Investor in People award.

## Dinas Rotary Club's new officers

RIGHT: The following team has been assembled under President David Wiltshire of the Dinas Powys Rotary Club for his year in office: Left to right – immediate past president Kevin Fowler; junior vice-president Gerard Crosby; vice-president Dennis O'Shea; treasurer Aaron Hawkins; past president Paul Williams; international committee chairman Roger Fazakerley; community chairman Tim Hubbard; secretary David Williams.



## ST RICHARD GWYN CELEBRATES ITS GCSES

IT was 'smiles all round' at St Richard Gwyn when school leavers collected their GCSE results this summer.

The teachers were proud when pupils exceeded targets, with 100 per cent of girls and 98 per cent of boys leaving school with a qualification at GCSE.

A total of 66 per cent of the results were grades A\*-C. Deputy headteacher, Christine Morrish said: "We were delighted that the gap between boys and girls has narrowed, with 91 per cent of boys and 92 per cent of girls gaining five or more GCSEs.

"The results in the core subjects of maths, English and science were particularly pleasing."

Most St Richard Gwyn pupils progress to St David's College to continue their studies.

Pictured below are the school's past head boy and deputy head girl.

Shaun gained a double distinction in Performing Arts and the Welsh Baccalaureate at the College and is looking forward to continuing his studies at Aberystwyth University, while Helen, who achieved four A grades at A-Level in maths, English literature, history and French plus the 'Welsh Bac', goes to Durham University to study for a combined arts degree.



ABOVE: Smiles all round on results day at St Richard Gwyn



ABOVE: Carys gained 5A\* and 6A grades and Rhys achieved 7A\* and 6As !



ABOVE: Emma's hard work paid off! She achieved 8A\* and 3A grades.



ABOVE: Joseph – 4A\* and 7 A grades!



Past head boy and deputy head girl.



# THOUSANDS CROWD THE WATERFRONT FOR THE ANNUAL TALL SHIPS EVENT

THE Tall Ships festival arrived at Barry Waterfront over the weekend of September 5 - 6, and thousands of people took the opportunity to go aboard sailing ships including *The Matthew*, a replica of John Cabot's 15th century vessel. A contrast was provided by modern ships such as *HMS Blyth*.

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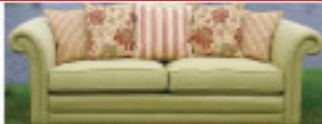


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# Athletic edge historic first Bridgend derby

THE first-ever league clash between Bridgend RFC (The Ravens) and Bridgend Athletic proved to be a full-blooded clash, suggesting that the return will be just as fiercely contested.

Will the two games turn out to be top-of-the-table battles or mid-table scraps?

Time will tell, but the signs are that the dreaded third possibility (relegation dog-fights) looks to be pretty unlikely!

(See page 40 for the match report).

*The Athletic break out of defence.*



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event can be viewed on  
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ABOVE:

Youngsters are the future, as the 'Supporting Grass Roots Rugby' banner says.

*Desperate defence from the Athletic as the Ravens press for a score.*



## Honours even at Tonmawr

TONMAWR Seconds	22
BRIDGEND ATHLETIC Seconds	22

BRIDGEND Athletic Seconds travelled to Tonmawr for their first league match of the season.

They expected a tough encounter after last season's games and were proved right.

Tonmawr pressurised from the start and had more territory and possession. Slightly against the run of play, a turnover involving flankers Aled Guy and Matthew Hillman resulted in the ball being spread across the back line for winger Levi Jenkins to race in for a fine try. Tom Cole narrowly missed the conversion.

Tonmawr replied, scoring from a rolling maul to make the score 7-5. Tonmawr dominated early in the second half with a try, penalty try and a penalty to leave the Athletic trailing by 22-8.

However, they did not give up and started to gain the upper hand. Possession started to flow and two devastating breaks by man-of-the-match, flanker Ben Howe, resulted in first prop Matthew Norman crossing for a try, and then Tom Penry Ellis in close support scoring under the posts. Tom Coles converted both to level the scores.

## Pencoed tested by Kenfig Hill

KENFIG HILL Seconds	33
PENCOED DEVELOPMENT XV	22

THIS Mid-Glamorgan league match proved to be an entertaining affair from start to finish, with both sides looking to play an expansive game.

Carwyn Morgan opened the scoring for Pencoed with a well struck 40-metre penalty goal. The home side responded with two converted tries to lead by 14-3.

Prior to half-time, Pencoed's No 8 Rhys Samuels burst onto an inside pass 22 metres out to split the home defence and score at the posts. Morgan's kick made it 14-10.

Two early scores in the second half increased the home lead to 26-10, with a heavy defeat a possibility for Pencoed. However, their young backs came to the fore, scoring two tries in quick succession.

Wing Liam Halse came infield to score following a tap penalty, before a backhand flip pass from Morgan found youth player Jamie Williams, who sped away and left the last defender for dead, to score at the posts. Morgan converted.

It was the Mules who wrapped up the match in the final minutes, catching the Pencoed defence flat for the decisive score.

For Pencoed, the work rate of Samuels, and the experienced Paul Richards caught the eye, while behind the scrum Morgan and Williams did well. Full-back Williams was a potent attacking threat on the counter.

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## NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

### 'Sker country' – but not 'Lorna Doone country'!



In front of Sker House.

**BARBARA PALMER** changed her planned walk in the Beacons area because of bad weather conditions and instead thirteen walkers met her at the visitors' centre at Kenfig Nature Reserve.

On a breezy morning they set off through some muddy patches around Kenfig Pool but it was easy walking on the path that led them towards the beach.

Reaching the track that leads from the Afan River to Sker Point the group stopped en-route for a coffee break in the shelter of the dunes.

At Sker Point, the wind was strong and the ebbing tide was rough. On the point is a memorial to commemorate a terrible disaster that took place post war.

The plaque reads: "To the memory of the Captain and 38-crew members of the freighter *SS Santampa* who perished on these rocks in the Great Storm of April 23, 1947 and of the cox'n and crew of seven of the Mumbles

Lifeboat, *Edward Prince of Wales*, who lost their lives in their valiant rescue attempt. This plaque marks the final resting place of the Mumbles Lifeboat."

### Choir's annual concert

**BRIDGEND Male Choir** is welcoming Swansea-born soprano **Ros Evans** to its 49th annual concert, at 7pm, on Friday, September 25, in St Mary's Catholic Church, Bridgend.

Ros, from the Welsh National Opera, is one of Wales's brightest talents and will be featuring the music of Ivor Novello among her contributions. As well as regular appearances on television and radio, her recent performance at the Edinburgh Festival received high critical acclaim.

The choir has continued to expand its repertoire throughout the year and will be adding a variety of new pieces to the concert. Led by the enthusiastic John Jenkins as musical director, the choir will be accompanied by the talented Laura Smith on piano and Scott Williams on organ.

Admission is by programme (costing £10). Available from Porters Estate Agents; The News Shop, Dunraven Place; or telephone choir secretary Gareth Reese on 01656 862037 or 07773 170373.

ing work!

An old lane led the group back to the road and into the dunes once more, where they walked to the bird hide that overlooks Kenfig Lake, which made the perfect stop out of the wind for lunch.

Refreshed, the final part of the walk was along the side of the fresh water lake where legend says that a lost village is hidden underneath the water, and on windy days the church bells are said to toll.

Needless to say they did not hear any tolling bells, but the water was choppy enough to have the resident bird population bobbing around!

Several of the stiles encountered needed repair and at one it was either under or over depending on the length of individual legs, but they returned to their start, windswept but dry and with very little mud on their boots.

On September 19, meet at 9.30am at the lay-by on the Leckwith Road for a six-mile moderate walk celebrating Forbidden Britain – 16-years on; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On September 20, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate/hard walk at Talybont and Allt Llwyd; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

For other group walks log onto [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)

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## Appeal over incident on Broad Street

**POLICE in Barry are appealing for witnesses to a fight on Broad Street opposite The Savoy Hotel on Sunday, September 6.**

The incident took place at 4pm and involved two males who were reported to be fighting outside the premises. Police intervened and a PCSO was injured.

Barry Neighbourhood Police Officer, PC Judith Martin said: "This was the weekend of the Tall Ships festival on Barry waterfront and there were lots of people in the area.

"I would urge any witnesses to come forward as soon as possible."

A 31-year-old man and a 15-year-old male youth were arrested following the incident. They have been released on police bail pending further investigations.

Any witnesses to the incident are asked to contact PC Judith Martin at Barry police station on 101 or 07805 301360.

## AM's plea for cycle funding

**VALE Conservative parliamentary candidate Alun Cairns AM, is to press the Welsh Assembly Government to fund new cycle routes in the Vale.**

Mr Cairns pointed out that cycle charity Sustrans has been given £3m by the Welsh Assembly, £3.5m from the European Regional Development Fund, plus a further grant from the Big Lottery Fund to finance a £7.6m project to create 100 miles of cycle tracks in the Valleys.

These cycle tracks will be created along old tramways and railway lines and will cover the Llantrisant, Pontypridd,

Merthyr Tydfil and Pontypool areas.

Mr Cairns explained: "While I am delighted to hear that these cycleways are being created, I feel that we should have some funding in the Vale.

"Cycling is very popular in the Vale and although we do not have the old railway lines that they have in the valleys, there are bridleways and tracks that could be used.

"I will be urging the Welsh Assembly Government to look at areas like the Vale to enhance the cycling opportunities available locally."

## Mayor's invite for coffee morning

**THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Howard Hamilton, would like to invite the citizens of Barry to join him at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday, September 25, at 10am, at the Mayor's Council Chamber, Council Offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.**

### Open church

**LOCAL churches will open their doors on Saturday, September 19, to share Wales' rich heritage.**

In Barry the medieval church of Merthyr Dyfan will be open from 2pm-4pm to welcome visitors, and the church registers recording christenings, marriages and funerals dating back to the 19th century will be open for everyone to see.

## VALE PACT MEETINGS

COURT PACT, Scouts Hall, Illminster Street (between Barry Road and Court Road), today (September 17), 7.30pm.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, today, (September 17), 7pm.

STANWELL PACT, Elfed Avenue United Church, September 25, 7pm.

BARUC PACT, Barry Island Community Centre, September 26, 3pm.

WENVOE PACT, Wenvoe Community hall, September 28, 7.30pm.

COWBRIDGE coffee and chat meeting, Red Fox public house, Craig Penlllyn, September 30, 11am.

ILLTYD PACT, The Mount Sorrel Hotel, Portkerry Road, Barry, October 1, 7pm.

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# WELSH INTER REGIONAL TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Vale athletes help South snatch trophy

FOR the first time in 11 attempts, the team from South Wales region deprived West Wales of the Overall Points trophy at the Welsh Inter Regional track and field championships, and Vale athletes made a significant contribution to the South's points score.

The event, the last major domestic fixture in Wales which includes competitions in seven age groups from under-15 to senior, was held for the first time at the Swansea University athletics track in far from ideal conditions. Heavy early rainfall resulted in all high jump and pole vault events being moved to the nearby Indoor Centre, a move which may invalidate any performances which improved the old championship best.

Top Vale performer was former Stanwell and St Cyres pupil, Brett Morse.

The GB international thrower, already the holder of the under-20 shot and discus bests at this fixture, marked his debut in the senior age group by adding more than eight metres to the senior discus mark. The UWIC student, who now competes for Birchfield Harriers, also finished second to old rival Ryan Spencer-Jones (East Wales) in the shot.

There were two further Vale victories in that senior men's section. Former Stanwell pupil Liam Duff has made a welcome return to track and field in the last 18 months and, having been a talented combined events competitor in his school days, has concentrated on the sprints.

Here, he claimed victory in the 100 metres, clocking 11.33 seconds into a 1.2 metres/sec head wind, with Adam Jones, who has just finished his A-Levels at Stanwell, claiming fourth place in the same event.

The second victory underlines that track and field has an excellent age group system which encourages athletes to continue competing beyond the age of 35.

Former St Cadoc's pupil, Glyn Price, now competing in the M40-44 category, proved too good for the 'youngsters', winning the pole vault with a clearance at 4.20 metres.

With no under-20 women's age group, two of the Vale's top senior girl talents took the opportunity to compete for the senior women's team, and chalked up victories in their first choice events.

Bro Morgannwg sixth former Elinor Lewis was a busy young lady, winning her speciality with a 3.50 metres vault, which bettered the championship best but may not be accepted because the event was indoors. The Penarth resident also competed in the 100 metres and the 100 metres hurdles, while Llantwit sixth former Ayla Phillips ended months of frustration at being stuck around the 35 metres mark by winning the hammer with a 37.13 metres throw. Hopefully this will spur her on towards the 4.20 metres mark of which she is capable.

In the under-17 age group, there was joy for Cowbridge pupil Sam Bunkham, who won the triple jump with a best leap of 12.37 metres and frustration for Jamie Sexton, the St Richard Gwyn pupil missing the start of the 100 metres because he was still warming up as the event was held.

The Barry & Vale Harrier, and his 100 metres partner Jamaul Whyte, who also missed the start, made some amends by combining in the 4 x 100

metres to win with a new championship best of 45.02 seconds.

Two other athletes deserve mention. The multi-talented Barry Comprehensive sixth former Curtis Mathews used the fixture as a final warm up for his appearance for Wales in an under-20 decathlon.

He made his competitive debut in the pole vault, finishing third with 2.80 metres, and also took second place in the long jump and shot.

The second athlete is St Cyres pupil Bradley Cole. The fifth former had shown promise with victory at the Cardiff & Vale Schools championships in April, winning the hammer with a throw of 31.41 metres.

He followed that up with third place in the Middle Boys hammer at the Welsh Schools National championships at Leckwith in July, improving to 33.69 metres. Here, in wet, tricky conditions, he added more than five metres to his best with a throw of 39.07 metres for second.

In the seven age groups contested, West Wales finished top of five sections and retained the female points trophy.

However, much to the delight of under-20 men's team manager Mrs Debbie Bull, her squad produced an outstanding series of performances to finish more than 80 points ahead of West Wales and, with the West fielding a very weak senior men's side, the South Wales team claimed the men's points and overall points trophies.

In addition to Barry Road resident Mrs Bull, South Wales also included Barry & Vale Chairman Fred Malkin among the team managers, the Llantwit resident looking after the under-17 men's team.

### RESULTS OF VALE ATHLETES

**Senior men: 100 (-1.2):** 1 Liam Duff (Cardiff) 11.33; 4 Adam Jones (Barry & Vale) 11.85; **200 (-2.2):** 3 Liam Duff (Cardiff) 23.21; 4 Adam Jones (Barry & Vale) 23.72; **4x100:** 3 South 49.61; **PV:** 1 Glyn Price (Swansea) 4.20; **SP:** 2 Brett Morse (Birchfield) 13.75; **DT:** 1 Brett Morse (Birchfield) 54.57 cbp.

**Team: 1 South Wales 165** **20 Men: 800:** 7 Kyle Garrison South 2:33.65; **2Km SC:** 3 Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro Morgannwg) 6:40.68; **PV:** 3 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 2.80; **LJ:** 2 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 6.38; **SP:** 2 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 11.26; **HT:** 2 Kyle Garrison (Llantwit) 13.08; **JT:** 2 Josh Hill (Llantwit) 38.13; 3



Lucy Tarrant (six) in the thick of the action in the under-15 girls' 800 metres. Lucy will still be eligible to compete in this age group next summer.



Llantwit sixth former Ayla Phillips won the senior women's hammer with a throw of 37.13 metres.

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Kyle Garrison (Llantwit) 29.77.

**Team: 1 South Wales 209, U17 Men: 400:** 2 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 50.61; **1500:** 3 Joseff Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro Morgannwg) 4:40.36; **400H:** 4 Tom Phillips (Stanwell) 1:03.83; **1.5KSc:** 3 Darren Jones (Llantwit) 5:12.88; **4x100:** 1 South 45.02 cbp; **TJ:** 1 Sam Bunkham (Cowbridge) 12.37; **SP:** 2 Dan Clarke (St Cyres) 11.72; 6 Bradley Cole (St Cyres) 8.73; **HT:** 2 Bradley Cole (St Cyres) 39.07; **JT:** 4 Fearghus Gough (Stanwell) 38.77.

**Team: 2 South Wales 163, U15 Boys: 100 (-1.1):** 4 Thomas Williams (Stanwell) 12.43; 200 (-1.4): 6 Thomas Williams (Stanwell) 25.73; **400:** 6 Matthew Edwards (Barry Comp) 1:00.15; **1500:** 3 Matthew Edwards (Barry Comp) 4:36.63; **4x100:** 3 South 50.88; **LJ:** 3 Thomas Williams (Stanwell) 5.15; **SP:** 6 Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) 8.23; **DT:** 7 Deon Garrison (Llantwit) 15.62; **JT:** 6 Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) 29.51; 7 Deon Garrison (Llantwit) 22.92. **Team: 2 South Wales 137, Senior Women: 100 (-2.8):** 6 Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) 13.89; **100H (-2.3):** 2 Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) 17.65; **HJ:** 3 Imogen Lewis (Cardiff) 1.35; **PV:** 1 Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) 3.50 cbp; **LJ:** 6 Imogen Lewis (Cardiff) 3.63; **TJ:** 3 Danielle Mill (Cardiff) 8.22; **SP:** 3 Ayla Phillips (Llantwit) 9.71; **HT:** 1 Ayla Phillips (Llantwit) 37.13.

**Team: 2 South Wales 124, U17 Women: 800:** 2 Bethan Daw (St Cyres) 2:25.59; **LJ:** 7 Toyah Newman (Bryn Hafren) 4.14; **JT:** 5 Toyah Newman (Bryn Hafren) 21.38.

**Team: 2 South Wales 138, U15 Girls: 800:** 4 Lucy Tarrant (Llantwit) 2:35.07; **HJ:** 7 Maisie Matthews (Bro Morgannwg) 1.40; **LJ:** 3 Lucy Taylor (Llantwit) 4.85.



Former Stanwell & St Cyres pupil Brett Morse, here in action in the shot, set a new championship best in the discus on his debut in the senior ranks.

Team: 2 South Wales 111, **Male Trophy:** 1 South Wales 674; **Female Trophy:** 2 South Wales 373; **Overall Points:** 1 South Wales 1047

FRANK IRELAND

OUR thoughts are with Frank Ireland, the 84-year old former chairman of Barry & Vale Harriers, who recently lost his wife Sally. He was admitted to Bristol Royal infirmary three weeks ago and we hope he is well soon.

## Keen competition on finals day

IT was not a nice day for the Cadoxton finals. The afternoon was overcast which eventually turned to light rain.

Four finals were contested, but unfortunately the show piece, the championship, was not played because one finalist was not available and a walkover was given to Bill Eadie.

There were close contests in the Jack Hartman and the Triples. Gary Jones met Kelvin Chedgoy in the singles game and moved into a comfortable lead with some well placed bowls, and compiled a 16-8 advantage.

Kelvin did not capitulate, and with a sterling fight back cancelled out the lead and went ahead 19-16.

However, Gary was not finished. He made a

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recovery to once again go in front 20-19. Not to be outdone Kelvin scored a single to leave both players needing just one to win. In a nervous final end Gary had plenty of room with his final bowl to claim victory.

The teams that met in the triples were Bill Eadie, Ivor Robertson and skipped by Don Kuhnell, against a rink skipped by Nunky Brown, assisted by Phil Ellis and David Evans.

Don took an early advantage scoring six shots against two in the first four ends. However, this lead was gradually eroded away with some superb play from Nunky, and after 10 ends they took the lead for the first time with the score at 7-8.

This narrow benefit did not last long, as a five reopened a gap

against them. A single increased Don's score to 13, but this score stayed for five ends while the advantage changed again, including a four with just two ends left, giving Nunky a three shot lead.

On the penultimate end, some good play by Don manoeuvred a count of four from two shots down to regain a single shot lead going into the final end.

Unfortunately for him, he faced a four-shot deficit when he went to the mat. Two good bowls opened up the head before the final bowl moved the jack but settled still, with the game in Nunky's favour.

The two-bowl was contested between Ashley Brown and Tony Bishop. There was not a lot to choose between them after nine ends

with Tony holding a slender one shot advantage. However the next six ends went in Ashley's favour, which left Tony needing three two's on the last three ends to tie. The game was over on the next end, when only one was scored.

The handicap brought Daniel Jones and Dai Tuck together. Daniel was receiving a two shot handicap, which aided him in taking a 6-0 lead after three ends. Dai improved his position by gradually reducing the deficit, and a four on the 12th end took him into a two-shot advantage.

After 18 ends, the gap had increased by just one further shot with the score at 13-16. Daniel failed to move from this for four ends and by the time he got back onto the score-sheet, Dai had

advanced to needing just one shot to win, which he obtained on the next end.

The fifth final was for the pairs championship, which was held on the following day, in much more pleasant weather. Dai Tuck and Phil Ellis paired up against Ron Cole and Derek Brook. They took an early 4-2 lead before a five and a single boosted their advantage. On the following end a four, scored by Ron and Derek, narrowed the lead but another five, and a single, increased the deficit to 10 shots.

The next stage of the match featured a recovery when six winning ends, from seven, reduced the difference to just three. However wins over the final three ensured the second trophy for Dai and Phil.

## Romilly wins end of season match in style

**BARRY Romilly Bowling Club welcomed Treharris Bowling Club to Romilly Park for their final division 1 match of the season.**

Both teams lay mid table in the division and the victor would secure the higher position.

On a nice dry day with the green in good nick the match began in good spirits.

Tony Freeman's rink of C Geen, W Hewitt and G Eastment had to play well to keep up with their opponents, who were in front for most of this game.

Romilly drew level on the 17th end and then bagged a big five on the 20th end to win the rink 25 shots to 24.

Howard Jones' rink of C Collins, D Bannister and G Cogbill may have

thought they had drawn the short straw when they did not score on the first 6 ends.

However, all's well that ends well and the boys soon got in the groove and introduced a power play period, going on to win the rink 21 shots to 15.

Alan Bryan's rink of R Hewitson, A Burge and J Jones played a strong game throughout and overwhelmed their opponents.

They won this rink 31 shots to 14, which included a big five and 3x4s.

Brian Foscolo's rink of M Newman, M Doyle and M Gershenson must have drawn the long straw, let me explain.

After five ends they were 7-9 down, but from the 6th end to the 17th end Romilly scored on every end, including two

big 5s. Their opponents then got 3 shots and Romilly scored 4 final shots to win the game 37 shots to 12. Phew!

Team Captain Brian Foscolo confirmed the 16 points win with the aggregate score of 114 shots to 65. He then went on to thank his team for their seasons efforts and pledged to meet them in the indoor season. **RH**

## Holton Road FC under-9s

**HOLTON ROAD FC are looking for players to join their new under-9s (year-4) age group.**

If you are interested, please contact Sarah Thompson on 07792 3441123.



# MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR'S GREAT GAMBO RACE

AS promised in last week's GEM, here are some more photographs from the charity gambo race, which attracted the crowds once again in Pyle, Cornelly and Kenfig.

The entrants, both walking and with a fantastical machine of their own devising, made it a bright and sparkling day – even if the weather did not quite match the occasion!



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by DAVID KING and  
DOUGLAS WILSON



## Out and About with The GEM

### Win tickets to Creative Stitches event with The Glamorgan GEM

GET up close to the OSCAR and BAFTA winning 18th century-style costumes, originally worn by Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes from the British hit film *The Duchess*, at this year's Creative Stitches and Hobbycrafts at Cardiff International Arena from October 1-3!

Come along to the 'Learn to Knit' stand, take part in our brand new nautical knitting project 'Above and Below the Waves', and enjoy free demonstrations, talks and mini-workshops with

help and advice from experts.

You can also discover the art of papercraft, jewellery making and more.

With interactive opportunities and stunning displays, visitors are guaranteed to leave Creative Stitches and Hobbycrafts with ideas in their heads, and supplies in their hands.

The Creative Stitches and Hobbycrafts event is open from 9.30am-5pm daily, with tickets costing £6.20 for adults on the door (£4.80 advanced price), seniors £5.20 on the door (£3.80 advanced price), with children under-16 free if accompanied by an adult (otherwise £3), but The

Glamorgan GEM has 10 pairs of tickets to give away in this competition.

To win a pair, all you have to do is answer the following question: Which film's costumes will be on display at the show?

Send your answers on a postcard, marked 'Creative Stitches Competition', to Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL no later than Friday, September 25.

No correspondence will be entered into, and judge's decision is final. Good luck!

For further information, please go to [www.ichf.co.uk](http://www.ichf.co.uk) or call the ticket hotline on 01425 277988.

### NFU Cymru chief comes to Bridgend for farm meeting

NFU CYMRU Milk Board chairman, Mansel Raymond, will address a meeting of Glamorgan NFU Cymru members at Haregrove Farm, Laleston, on Wednesday, September 23.

It will be open to all NFU Cymru members, and Mr Raymond will give an update on recent market developments and the ongoing work of NFU Cymru in the dairy sector.

He farms 2,700 acres near Letterston, Pembrokeshire, in partnership with his twin brother Meurig and their wives. They have two dairy herds, plus young stock and a herd of beef cattle.

Richard Isaac, NFU Cymru county chairman for Glamorgan, said: "We are very grateful to Mr Raymond for agreeing to come and address our meeting and to Gwyn Anthony and his two sons, Phillip and John, for agreeing to host the meeting on their farm."

"I hope we will get a good turnout of local NFU Cymru members. Please also encourage friends and neighbours to come along."

The on-farm meeting will also provide an opportunity for members to see the recently installed milking parlour at Haregrove farm.

### 'Open Doors' at Cowbridge

THE Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council is taking part in this year's 'Open Doors' organised by the Civic Trust for Wales.

The scheme's aim is to give members of the public free access to new and exciting aspects of the local heritage.

The council chamber, mayor's parlour and museum, all located in the town hall, will be open to the public on Saturday, September 19, between 11am-4pm.

The museum is housed in the former cells and normally opens to the public on the first Saturday of each month. Each of the cells and cell corridors contains historical items and displays.

A number of cells

have been refurbished to showcase the exhibits and information displayed.

This year, in the council chamber, there will be an exhibition put on by the curator of the museum, to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II.

In the mayor's parlour, the civic robes, chains and other regalia will be displayed. These are normally worn at civic functions held throughout the town council's calendar.

More than 170 properties will be open across Wales during the European Heritage Days weekend, among hundreds in the British Isles and thousands across Europe. Full information can be found on [www.civictrust.org](http://www.civictrust.org) or [www.heritagedays.net](http://www.heritagedays.net).

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## THIS IS ONE KIND OF ADVENTURE(LAND) THAT IS WELL WORTH THE UNDERTAKING!

**M**ANY reading this will remember when the days of their youth were disturbed by the scary and horrible realisation that rather than laze away the days, you would have to go out and find work, most likely in the first instance a summer job of some description.

Adventureland mines that nostalgia with a tale of a summer spent working at a theme park in 1987. Jesse Eisenberg is James, who sees his dreams of a trip to Europe vanish when his father is forced to take a pay cut.

Left behind by his friends, and with the prospect of moving to New York to study in the autumn, he takes a nothing job at the park, little realising the effect it'll have on his life, as he comes across a rag-tag mob of individuals, and in Em (Kirsten Stewart), a romantic interest...

The whole 'teen-comedy' genre seemed to be sailing on a sea of gross-out moments that appeared to be present more to shock than to actually amuse, with very few managing the balancing act of putting these moments into a film that creates realistic and sympathetic characters and moments.

Yet with the release of *Superbad* in 2007, a

film that mixed coarse humour with more than enough soul and charm, it seemed that the genre was regaining its ability to both amuse and connect with its audience.

That film's director, Greg Mottola, is the man behind *Adventureland*, on both directing and script writing duties, and having showed his ability with *Superbad*, he takes it to the next level here, creating a film that has bags of charm and laughs to boot.

Obviously a labour of love for Mottola (who worked at an actual Adventureland in his youth), he creates a film that strikes the right balance and is paced superbly well.

The script captures the gawky awkwardness of your teenage years to a tee, with characters that reflect either who you were or people you knew, and the situations you found yourself in.

It's a script with characters you can empathise with and connect to, with each being given a degree of depth and substance, no matter how small the role, enriching the film in the process.

Mining the period for comedy without tying it down into an exercise in nostalgia, Mottola creates both moments of pathos and comedy without ever straining for the laughs.

Similarly, his direction is a master class in understatement. His woozy visuals mixed

with a gorgeous eye for detail creates a film that looks beautifully low-key with a degree of offbeat style.

Not only is he perfectly comfortable helming the comedic elements, but he also imbues the quieter, reflective moments with some neat visuals that give a stylish sheen to proceedings.

His cast are all superb in their roles, with Jesse Eisenberg standing out as lead character James. He nails the gaucheness of his character perfectly as he sees his dreams of a perfect summer go drastically wrong, and he is thrown into the world of Adventureland.

James' literary nerdiness gradually gives way to a character who learns more from the staff of a theme park than he ever would parading around Paris, and Eisenberg perfectly conveys this.

Kristen Stewart (best known for teenage vampire franchise *Twilight*) does a good job as the love interest, her character being given much more depth than you would expect and the actress delivers on this superbly well.

With the likes of Ryan Reynolds, Martin Starr, Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig all offering valuable, and hugely entertaining, support as the raft of characters James meets in his summer, the film is well acted, the performances rooted in a realism it is

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by GARETH JAMIESON

pleasing to see in a film of this type.

Throw in a superb soundtrack that evokes the period without veering too far into kitsch (though your ability to tolerate 'Rock Me Amadeus' may diminish come the film's conclusion), and you have a package that is superbly put together.

Certainly, there is nothing here that is vaguely revolutionary nor groundbreaking, but as a subtle and enthralling piece of work, *Adventureland* is certainly the place to be! **VERDICT** – A tender coming-of-age comedy that balances heart with humour, *Adventureland* is a low-key, but no less entertaining for it, treat.

The excellent performances on show sit neatly alongside Greg Mottola's excellent direction and script in a film that is a truly wonderful piece of work. Highly recommended.

## Ty Hafan lottery

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 583.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

## Festival sponsors will go out with a bang

**P**ROUD supporter of The Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, UWIC will sponsor its final festival this October, in what is set to be the best in its six-year history.

Sponsoring the culinary extravaganza since 2007, UWIC's three year deal is now drawing to an end, and it is promising to go out with a bang. Always getting stuck into the proceedings, this year UWIC will be providing some knowledgeable lecturers for the food demos, which will be presented by Frances Donovan.

Event manager, Polly Wilson explained: "Having UWIC as main sponsors over the past few years has been fantastic, and they have played such a significant role in making the festival what it is today.

"Ever since the first festival in 2004, we have received great feedback from everyone that comes along - from complimenting the immense range of local exhibitors to the exciting food demos - they always have a good word to say about us.

"UWIC's support over the last two events has allowed us to structure the event more effectively, and every year we seem to be able to offer our visitors a more laid-back and enjoyable experience."

UWIC was established in 1996 and has four campuses across Cardiff. One of their key values is to "contribute to improving opportunities and quality of life in the communities served" - which explains their dedication to the community event that is the Cowbridge Food and

Drink Festival.

This year's festival, which, as always, promises to be a weekend packed with entertainment and indulgence, will feature 75 exhibitors from pies to patés, chutneys to chillies and chives; cider brewers and organic farmers, to Mexican and Thai food stalls, as well as ice-cream producers and chocolatiers exhibiting too.

The festival will welcome back its loyal sponsor for the final time on October 24-25 at its usual site of Arthur John's car park on North Road with activities and a carnival atmosphere throughout the town.

For more information, visit [www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org](http://www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org) or contact Sarah Kilcoyne at Effective Communication on 02920 646866 or email: [skilcoyne@effcomm.co.uk](mailto:skilcoyne@effcomm.co.uk).

## Valeways looks for volunteers

VALEWAYS is interested in recruiting a higher representation of young people aged 16-25 years to contribute to its footpath improvements across the Vale.

The work can support the community service element of any award such as Duke of Edinburgh, Welsh Baccalaureate and ASDAN.

Individuals and youth/school group leaders can contact Gareth Simpson of Valeways for more information; telephone 01446 749000, email [gareth@valeways.org.uk](mailto:gareth@valeways.org.uk).

## Farmers' harvest festival

NFU Cymru is holding this year's Glamorgan Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 1, at Margam Abbey, Margam. The service will start at 7.30pm and it will be followed by light refreshments.

Richard Isaac, NFU Cymru county chairman for Glamorgan, said: "We hope to get a good turnout at this event. I would encourage all local members to come along to support the local rural youth movement."

All are welcome, tickets are free of charge.

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## TONDU JUNIOR AND MINI RUGBY ROUND UP

### Tondu RFC under-13s win Aberdare tournament

**TONDU under-13s claimed their first piece of silverware by winning the Aberdare tournament.**

In the pool games they best Mountain Ash 4-0. Try scorers Osian Flaherty, Cole Lewis (two) Ben Jones.

They then drew with Cowbridge. Try scorer was Josh Thomas.

Finally, they beat Swansea Uplands 5-1, with tries by Ieuan Evans (two), Sam Matthews, Ben Jones (two).

In the semi final, Tondu beat Abergavenny 5-1, with tries from Osian Flaherty (two), Ben Jones, Lloyd Webb and Rowan Davies.

It was Cowbridge again in the final. Tondu started the stronger and dominated early possession. Cowbridge attempted to spread the ball to their dangerous wingers at every opportunity.

Tondu's first try came from good defence by Ieuan Evans and Ben Jones, who tackled the speedy Cowbridge winger. The ball came loose to Lloyd Webb who picked it up to score.

Cowbridge continued to threaten, especially from scrum possession, but good defence kept them out.

Tondu's next try was scored by Lewis Austin, who chased a relieving kick, showing great pace to beat his opposing winner to catch and dive over for the try.

Tondu then went on to control the territory and claim a third try. Lewis Austin was released down the wing, beating the cover defence to seal the win and tournament.

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### Good rugby at local under-10 tournament

**TONDU under-10s were invited by Maesteg Celtic RFC to the Clive Evans Memorial Tournament, which had some cracking rugby and excellent weather. Tondu ended the day as runners-up to the hosts.**

Tondu's day kicked off with a match against Garw.

This game was played at a frenetic pace. Tondu were the weaker in the opening encounters but tried hard to stem the attacking of Garw.

A brief moment of magic saw Jordan Morgan get Tondu onto the score sheet, but despite some good defence Tondu fell further behind.

**Final score: Tondu 1, Garw 4.**

**TONDU'S second game was against Maesteg Celtic, and Tondu started strongly and got the first score through Ryan Kershaw, but Maesteg Celtic were able to draw level and then nose in front before the break.**

Despite their best endeavours, the Tondu youngsters were unable to get on the score sheet again and found themselves doing lots of defending.

Maesteg Celtic scored two further tries before the close.

**Final score: Tondu 1, Maesteg Celtic 4.**

**THE third game saw Tondu against Valley Ravens. Again Tondu started the game strongly and pressurised the Ravens.**

The breakthrough came from some sharp work by Declan Pugh at the lineout, taking the ball carrier down, allowing Taylor Lloyd to pick up and drive for the line.

Tondu's second try came from Joe Duffill, who showed his normal

tenacity and speed to get over the line.

Valley Ravens had their moments too, with some good running from backs and forwards.

By the close of the game, Tondu had increased their try count by three, one each for Taylor Lloyd, Shannon Price and Jordan Morgan.

**Final score Tondu 5, Valley Ravens 3**

**THE last game pitted Tondu against neighbours Bryncethin.**

The first half was close, with each side vying for position and territory.

Tondu had an early breakthrough when Shannon Price got the first score after a fine run.

Josh Davies came very close to getting another. Having ripped the ball away from Bryncethin almost in his own 22, he raced to the other end of the pitch before being caught at the last moment.

Jordan Morgan scored Tondu's second, picking a pass from Shannon Price off his toes.

Joe Duffill grabbed the third as he ripped the ball free of a maul and went for the line.

The final try for Tondu came from Taylor Lloyd who managed to pluck a pass from between two Bryncethin players and cross the line.

**Final score: Tondu 4, Bryncethin 1.**

*Tondu: Ben Merchant, Shannon Price, Josh Davies, Taylor Lloyd, Joe Duffill, Iwan Knight, Jordan Morgan, Ryan Kershaw, Jack Llewellyn, Morgan-Owen Evans, Eleri Knight and Declan Pugh.*

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### Under-9s in 10-try thriller

**TONDU under-9s were once again on the road, playing away to a spirited Nantffyllon team on a warm Sunday morning.**

Nantffyllon were soon on the attack, putting the Tondu defence under pressure. Despite brave tackling from Edward Dunlop and Harry Olding, Nantffyllon were first to score.

Tondu soon went on the offensive through Luke Brett with some determined running out wide. James Murray used his pace to great effect, and was able to fashion a try-scoring opportunity which was finished off by Ellis Matthews.

Nantffyllon hit back within minutes and were soon back in front. The Tondu boys regathered, and this time Nathan Harris struck to bring the scores back even.

Now with their tails up, Tondu scored two further tries without reply before the break - Ellis Matthews taking advantage of some spirited rucking from Jacob Thomas and Nathan Harris touched down for his second.

The restart saw Lewis Oates, Ciaran Edwards and Callum Vause take the field, and all three were soon in the thick of it. Good forward work set Patrick Riley on a cross field run where he passed the ball out to Luke Dingle, who cantered over.

This seemed to wake Nantffyllon up and they showed great strength to break the Tondu defence with two powerfully-taken tries. It looked as if Nantffyllon would soon draw level, but Nathan Harris popped up with a length of the field try, Daniel Mayne securing some good ball deep in defence to set up the opportunity.

The Tondu players can be proud of their display against a battling Nantffyllon side - well done to all.

**Final score: - Tondu 6, Nantffyllon 4.**

*Squad: Lewis Oates, Ciaran Edwards, Callum Vause, Luke Brett, Daniel Mayne, Edward Dunlop, James Murray, Patrick Riley, Jacob Thomas, Harry Olding, Luke Dingle, Ellis Matthews, Nathan Harris*

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### Town under-12s make fine start

**BRIDGEND Town under-12s got their season off to a flying start with a comprehensive 7-0 win over a spirited Brynna, followed by a 4-1 win over Bettws.**

The Brynna match was both teams' first competitive match since the move up from mini-football, and coaches and parents alike were keen to see how the boys coped with the new challenge.

The game was played in an excellent spirit, and both teams gave the referee little to concern him. Conditions were good, and Bridgend Town swiftly found the transition to 11-a-side a comfortable one.

In fact, the team looked as if they'd been playing junior football for a full season, as the pinpoint passing and lightning quick attacks gave them

an early advantage.

By half-time Bridgend were 3-0 ahead courtesy of a hat trick by centre-forward Matthew Morgan.

In the second half, Brynna tried to improve their luck by changing the 'keeper, but he too was beaten by Matthew Morgan, bringing his tally to four.

Rhodri Lewis added a fifth from the left wing soon after, and Borys Udodenko scored with a spectacular long-range effort, curling in a left-foot free kick to the top corner.

Bridgend's 'keeper, and last season's player of the year, Ben Morris was rarely called into action, thanks to a sterling defensive performance from the back four, with Ryan Bunce putting in his best performance since joining the team.

To add to Brynna's

## PYLE AND KENFIG JUNIORS REACH WEST GLAMORGAN FINAL



ABOVE: The Pyle and Kenfig junior team.

**THE Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club junior section has maintained its winning ways.**

After a historic first, second and third in an internal men's competition within the club, the juniors beat The Gower at Clyne, to reach

the final of the West Glamorgan Junior Championship.

#### RESULTS

D Johns and T Beale, Won 3/2; B Young and J Jones, halved; L McNally and J Prosser, lost 3/2. Reserve match: T Furneaux and S Price, won 5/4.

All juniors in the area are invited to join this very successful section. A warm welcome awaits you whether or not you have played golf before. *Contact the club on 01656 783093/771613 or the professional, Dylan Williams, 01656 772446.*

### Pyle and Kenfig ladies golf results

#### OPEN MEETINGS

**Ladies: Team of three (Stableford)** - first, Debbie Keith-Lucas, Pam Jackson, and J Crooks, Clyne - 74 points on the back nine from second - Trish Roe (Royal Porthcawl), Nan Thomas (Glamorganshire) and Janet Nicolls (Cardigan); third - Ann Hogarth, Ann Richards, and Jayne Morgan (Creigau) 73 points; fourth - Marie Pendlebury and Heather Jenkins (P & K), Gina Atkinson Creigau.

**Mixed:** first - Debbie Old and Daryl Griffiee, Chipping Sodbury, 44 points; second - Alison Evans and the captain, Richard Hurn, P & K 40 points; third - Sian Thomas and Martin Hayward, P & K 39 points on the back nine from fourth, Sharon Kehoe (Maesteg) and Geraint Evans, P&K; fifth, Sheila and Ray John, P & K 38 points on the back nine from Chris Watkins and Robert Arbourne, Neath.

## BULLDOGS TAKE TITLE

**BULLDOGS have won the Bridgend 6-a-side football title with a 3-0 victory over Racing Inter.**

AC Brakla did all they could to do to keep the pressure on, and finished second after sneaking home by the odd goal in three against Cowbridge Cows.

B Attack will be playing top level football next term after they managed a tasty 6-0 destruction of Croissants and Velindre Foundation gave themselves hope for next term after seeing off FC08 3-0.

The only goal of the game was enough to see The Bluebirds home against Day Sleepers.

Anyone who wants to join the Sunday league in Bridgend can telephone 0845 230 2340 or visit [www.leisureleagues.net](http://www.leisureleagues.net).



ABOVE: The winning Bulldogs team.

woes, Ben Morris played the last quarter in mid-field and he also scored to make the final score 7-0.

Bridgend's second match of the season was a much more rugged encounter against Bettws FC.

Bridgend struck first with a goal from Borys Udodenko, followed quickly by a fierce long-range shot from Liam Howe, which the Bettws defence could only turn into their own net, to give Bridgend the comfort of a two-goal advantage.

Matthew Morgan added a third, before being replaced due to injury. In the closing stages, substitute Ben Shattock added a fourth

### Porthcawl under-10s make fine start

**PORTHCAWL under-10s started where they left off last season, with a hard-fought win against a very tough Taibach side.**

Tries from Louis Protheroe (converted by Brandon Cooper), Ben Roach, Dan Williams (converted by Zak Furness-Jones) and Brandon Cooper, sealed a fantastic win.

Taibach claimed two tries of their own, of which one was converted.

The final score was **Porthcawl 26, Taibach 12.** The man-of-the-match was Brandon Cooper.

The rest of the Porthcawl squad were: Ethan Waters, Ben Collins, Cameron Williams, Callum Morgan, Joe Stradling, Max Budding, Kurtis Pridmore, Matthew Azopardi, Matthew Roberts, Connor Grant, Sam Edwards.

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# BRIDGEND ATHLETIC MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

## ATH UNDER-10s SHOW STRENGTH IN DEPTH

**ON a beautiful day** Bridgend Athletic under-10s welcomed Kenfig Hill to Newbridge Fields.

The early stages of the match were fairly even, with Harry Provsgaard and Rhys Gamble prominent, and the Ath managed to open the scoring when Joe Grabham sprinted clear.

The Bridgend boys struggled to build on their lead, coming up against some aggressive defence and Kenfig Hill equalised after a great breakaway try.

The Ath forwards responded well and cleared the rucks out much better, giving scrum half Chris Matthews more time and space. It wasn't long before the Ath regained the lead, when Will Mahoney raced in the corner for a try.

Kenfig Hill played

well in patches and were strong up front, but Ath forwards Morgan Hughes, Matthew Hobby and Jac Bassett managed to rip the ball clear and they were aided by great work on the floor from Mitchell Davies and man of the match Grabham.

The Ath boys gradually got on top and ran in further tries. Outside half Caine Woolerton grabbed a brace and there was one each for Morgan Hughes and Chris Matthews, before Joe Grabham got his second of the game.

Big tackling from the home team was again evident, especially from Jack Walker in the second half.

Many squad members came on in the second period in what was a convincing victory for the Ath Greens, comprising of seven tries and six conversions.

**Final score: Ath**

**Greens 47, Kenfig Hill**

**ATH YELLOWS** played Kenfig Hill in the second match and Kenfig Hill were on the attack until the ball found its way to Ath wing Dylan Parry, who used his great pace to sprint in from his own half.

Kenfig came back strong and managed to control the game for the rest of the first half, scoring two converted tries, despite a good effort from Ath forwards Ethan Bennett, Angus Gregory and Adam Murathodzie.

In the backs, Callum Morgan played his first game for the Ath and he had a great debut. At half time, the Ath coaches asked for a big effort and they got it.

The Ath forwards played more as a pack with Matthew Hibbert, Lewys Jenkins and Iwan Osborne prominent.

Rhys Gamble and Nathan Willis tackled superbly, and Drew Cording had another fine game, making good breaks from scrum half.

Good driving runs from Thomas Zielinski enabled the Ath to get good field position, from which Lewys Jenkins was able to snipe over for his first try.

Shortly after Matthew Hibbert powered his way over for his first try.

Both Lewys and Matthew shared man of the match for their great achievement.

Late on, Dylan Parry sealed a great first win of the season for the Yellows with his second try.

**Final score: Ath Yellows 22, Kenfig Hill 14.**

LG

## Young rugby players are keen to get stuck in!



*Bridgend Athletic under-7s are looking forward to a new season and are really up for the challenge. A club spokesman said: "With all the boys new to the game it is going to be an exciting season. We would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors who have supplied us with our kit so, on behalf of all the under-7s many thanks to G4S, Cowdery Brawn & Co and BOF."*

## Kenfig provide strong opposition

**THE Athletic** under-9 Greens played Kenfig Hill and started in fine style, on a glorious morning, made for running rugby.

With both sides tackling well, the score remained at 0-0 for a while, but then the stronger Bridgend players eventually broke through and scored some excellent tries, taking it to 4-0 at half time.

The second half saw Kenfig settle down, with their defence much stronger than the first half, and they put in some good passages of play. The Ath managed to notch up the only try of the half.

There was good support play from the forwards, who took the ball to the Kenfig side, setting it up for the backs to do their bit. There was also good tackling by the backs, with Jamie Marshall orchestrating well and keeping the back line firm throughout the game. This earned him player-of-the-match.

**Forwards:** Gwilym John, Jack Obbard, Jade Thomas, Teo Fillis and Charles Crayfield.

**Backs:** Connor Fabian, Daniel O'Sullivan, Kasari Mehta, Daffydd Beech and Jamie Marshall at scrumhalf.

**Try scorers were:** Jade Thomas, Connor Fabian (two), Jamie Marshall and Daniel O'Sullivan.

**Final score:** Ath Greens 5, Kenfig Hill 0.

**IN the second game,** Athletic Yellows more or less played the same side as the Greens had played in the first game.

Kenfig were the stronger side, and both sides were playing some good running rugby. However it was the Ath's tackling that was letting them down, allowing Kenfig to come out on top at the end of the first half 0-5, with some well deserved tries.

Ath made two changes at half time, but first blood went to Kenfig, with another good try. The Ath struck at the next ruck when they cleaned out for Megan Webb to pick up and race in for try.

Again, the Ath took the ball on and Daniel O'Sullivan powered his way over the line. Kenfig struck again with a try but the Ath never gave up and, with a mirror image of her first try, Megan Webb scored her second and had the final say. This gained Megan a well-deserved, player-of-the-match award.

**Forwards:** Brandyn Fooks, Ffion Rebill, Taine Waite, Jade Thomas, and Gwilym John.

**Backs:** Sam Veasey, James Hermolle, Megan Webb, William Goodall and Christopher Hart at scrumhalf.

**Replacements:** Daniel O'Sullivan and Jack Obbard.

**Final score: Ath Yellows 3, Kenfig Hill 7.**

PO

## Under-8s are on top form

**FROM a good set of six tags,** the Ath were handed the ball and Dewi Harding danced over the line for a super solo try.

Two more followed, the first by Jack Pitts who raced up the touch line to score, and the second by Mason Hughes, who side-stepped his way to the line to score.

Every one in the squad contributed in the first half and Kenfig Hill were stopped on many occasions from crossing the line.

Daniel Leyshon, Isaac Watkins, Morgan Bennett, Archie Burnett and Oliver Raynor all played extremely well in what was a very tough game.

The second half saw the coaches change four players to rotate the squad.

The Ath started where they had left off with some good runs by Dafydd Hitchings, Emyr Anthony, Iwan Hill and

Bobby Bromley who, with a good pass, put Mason Hughes away to score his second of the day.

From a good run by Emyr Anthony, Dewi Harding crashed over for his second of the game. Again the defence of the Ath held out and from turnover ball, Jack Pitts took the ball from the tap and raced the length of the field to score his second.

With time running out, the Ath relaxed a little, which let Kenfig Hill score two tries in quick succession.

On the final play of the game Daniel Leyshon scored a great solo try to finish the game off.

**Final score: Bridgend Athletic 7, Kenfig Hill 2.**

Player-of-the-match went to Mason Hughes for an outstanding performance.

AB

## Close game for under-7s

**THE Ath under-7s** played Kenfig Hill, and what a good game it was.

Ath started well with some good runs and went in front from a good move which put Jordan Gittins away for his first try for the club.

Kenfig Hill came straight back and scored two tries in quick succession.

Oliver Gibbs, Connor Lees, Ryley Howells all put themselves about and a mistake by Kenfig put Jordan Gittins away for his second.

Kenfig turned up the pace and scored another two tries which put them

in a comfortable position. Fynn Mordecai and Lloyd Bennett ran their socks off to keep Kenfig Hill from scoring again in the first half, leaving the Ath trailing by two at the break.

The second half saw changes to rotate the squad and the boys didn't disappoint. Callum Taylor, Rhys Thomas and Thomas Lewis all worked hard to keep Kenfig from scoring, and from a good move by the Ath, Lloyd Bennett raced up the line to score his first try for the club and put them back in the game.

Kenfig Hill hit s



*ABOVE: Bridgend Athletic under-8s are also looking forward to the new season and would like to thank Uniform 2 Go for supplying with jerseys, BOF, who supplied shorts and socks, and Cowdery Brawn & Co who supplied much-needed equipment.*

## Ryan's Crusaders award night

**PROP Ryan O'Hara dominated proceedings at Celtic Crusaders' end of season presentation night, picking up four awards - Supporters' Player of the Year, Best Forward, Player of the Year and the coveted Players' Player of the Year.**

Reserve team player Ross Wardle picked up

the gong for 'Most Promising Player' in the reserve team while Lloyd White, who has now made five Super League appearances, won the reserves' Player of the Year.

Welsh international Ben Flower won two trophies, for 'Hit of the Year' and 'Rookie of the

Year', while his fellow international squad member Luke Dyer was 'Best Back'.

Damien Quinn won 'Try of the Year' for his magnificent solo effort against Hull Kingston Rovers at the Brewery Field in June. He was also recognised for making 100 appearances -

the first and so far only player to do so for the Crusaders.

Josh Hannay was the winner of the top scorer's award.

Finally, Darren Mapp won a community award for his efforts in promoting rugby league with the general public.

## Pencoed hit by injuries

**Pencoed under-12s made the short journey to Caedelyn park to face Rhiwbina for the first time in several seasons.**

Games between these two teams have always been keenly contested in the past and this was no exception. Pencoed were out of the blocks quickly, with new recruit Lewis Butler again showing his pace and ability in the centre to run in two early tries, with Luke Bevan converting one to give Pencoed a 12-0 lead.

This gave Rhiwbina a wake up call, and they bounced back to level the scores by half time, albeit with the help of Pencoed errors.

Pencoed suffered numerous injuries in the second period and lost all momentum as a result. The backline always looked a threat with ball in hand, but frustratingly they were starved of possession, with poor decision-making letting a couple of tries go begging.

Rhiwbina capitalised with three further tries to extend their lead to 31-12. Pencoed's injury toll had mounted and six players were out of action, forcing them to play the last 10 minutes with 14 players, with Rhiwbina kindly taking a player off to even the numbers.

Pencoed managed a consolation try again through Lewis Butler to give a final score of **Rhiwbina 31, Pencoed 19.**

Leon James took the man of the match award with some heroic tackling throughout the game.

**Pencoed squad:** Callum Baker, Dylan Barrett, Luke Bevan, Morgan Burgess, Lewis Butler, Rhys Butler, Chris Carr, Joe Daniel, Connor Goldsworthy, Cian Griffiths, Cai Hughes, Leon Jammes, Rhodri Lewis, Aaron Leyshon, Morgan Llewellyn, Jacob Lloyd, Tomas Morgan, Jack Pope, James Thomas and Dan Watkins.

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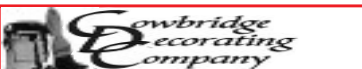
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## Pencoed under-9s sweep to victory

**PENCOED under-9s travelled to Caerphilly to compete in a regional tournament at the impressive Virginia Park Stadium.**

First up were Rhiwbina, who had been well organised in the opening match against Newbridge. This started as an equal encounter, with both sets of forwards spoiling play and keeping the ball tight around the breakdown.

Rhys Bending and Owain John were tenacious in regaining ball, and with Mikey Bosley and Rhys Spurgeon making quick pickups, the ball was eventually released out to flyers Sam Costello and Tom Bending, who went over for two each. **Pencoed 4, Rhiwbina 0.**

Next Pencoed took on hosts Caerphilly and quickly continued the momentum, running in a couple of tries from Oliver Lewis and Jon Carr. Crunching tackles by Ben Humphries and Jack Morgan helped Pencoed make nine turnovers, giving quick ball to the backs who ran in several more tries. **Pencoed 7 Caerphilly 0.**

Newbridge was a different game, with both sides giving no quarter. The Gwent side's forwards were fully committed, hitting gaps at pace, forcing Pencoed back towards their goal line. Yet again this group of youngsters adapted their game and, rather than kicking out of defence, took on Newbridge up front.

With tremendous supporting play they ran in

two tries from four phases of play. Newbridge ran in a brilliant try at the end, but the game was lost. **Pencoed 2, Newbridge 1.**

After the close game against Newbridge, the Bridgend team blasted out of the blocks against Dowlais with a planned move and scored with Sam Costello going through the middle.

Next came an onslaught of attacks from their own ball and courtesy of five turnovers, Oliver Lewis, Tom and Rhys Bending, Tyron Harding and Jon Carr ran in some great scores. **Pencoed 7, Dowlais 0.**

The last game was Pontyclun. This local encounter spurred on the Bridgend team to put together a great all-round team performance with tackling, switch moves, off loading to supporting players and rucking and mauling which entertained all the spectators.

If Jack Morgan could have grounded his excellent individual effort at the whistle, every member of the squad would have scored. **Pencoed 8, Pontyclun 0.**

This meant that these youngsters scored 28 tries and conceded only one in the tournament. Captain for the day, Jonathan Carr, scored five tries and Sam Costello eight.

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## NEWS FROM RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS MEDAL GLORY FOR YOUNGSTERS

**CONGRATULATIONS to Lana Evans for representing Great Britain at the recent European Junior Championships event in Holland.**

Lana, from Rhose Lifeguard Club, picked up a silver medal in the 'run swim run' individual event, and a bronze medal in the 'rescue tube rescue race' team event.

Both women and men GB teams came first overall, and were also the top combined nation in the ocean.

Congratulations also to Eloise Neighbour of Rhose Lifeguards on winning the Great British Ocean Ski under-19 10km race in Poole, Dorset.

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**ABOVE:**  
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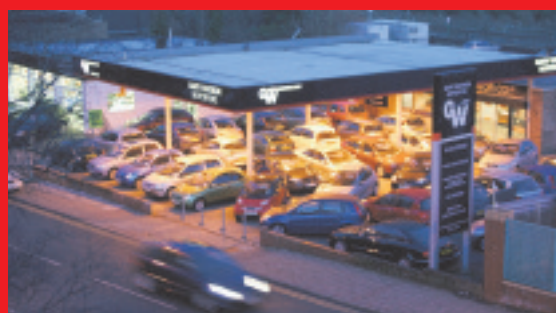
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## ATHLETIC EDGE A HISTORIC FIRST BRIDGEND DERBY

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC 20**  
**BRIDGEND RAVENS 13**

**A GLORIOUS September afternoon at Newbridge Fields provided the setting for this first-ever clash in league rugby between newly-promoted Athletic and relegated Ravens.**

A large crowd of more than 1,500 of all ages, containing lots of youngsters and families, firmly countered the allegation that there is no interest in rugby in Bridgend.

As expected, the game proved an uncompromising affair throughout and was contested in great spirit by both teams. The early encounters were a little tense, with both teams being penalised for offences at the breakdown, and when the Ravens forced a drop-out, the Athletic infringed at the next breakdown and fly-half Hancock slotted over the opening score.

From the resulting kick-off, the Athletic applied pressure to the Ravens and a loose kick was carried back strongly, and the Ravens conceded a penalty for full-

back Stuart Morris to level the scores.

Now it was the turn of the Ravens to apply pressure and force a lineout on the Athletic 22, only for Sean Williams to win the line-out against much taller opposition.

The ball was moved determinedly into the visitors' half where they again conceded a penalty at the breakdown for Morris to step up and convert.

Almost immediately, Ravens had a chance to level the scores when second-row Jamie Doherty infringed, but the relatively easy kick was missed by Hancock, who was certainly showing the pressure as a few errors crept into his game.

The Athletic were now playing with confidence as wing Rhodri Davies and No 8 Jonathan Jones ran strongly, and flankers Whitcombe and Morgan harried their opponents mercilessly at the breakdown.

It was from a turn-over at the breakdown that scrum-half Luke Hopper fed youth fly-half Craig Baker to put a long kick deep into

by MARK DAVIES



**ABOVE: A Bridgend Athletic player receives a gentle hand-off!**  
(See page 14 for more pictures)

Ravens' territory, and when the ball was overthrown by the visitors, another infringement at the breakdown led to Morris kicking his and the Athletic's third penalty goal.

Just before half-time, the Ravens launched an attack, forcing Morgan to kill the ball and be given a yellow card for his pains. Fortunately, the kick was missed again by Hancock and the teams turned around with the score **Athletic 9 Ravens 3**.

It was the Athletic who started the second half strongly, and from good work at the scrum by Rod Jones, Simon Mustoe and Carl Gregory, the ball was carried strongly by Morris into the heart of the Ravens' defence. This time the visitors' captain, flanker Matthew Davies, was penalised and shown the yellow card. Morris made no mistake with his kick.

Once again, an error at the ruck following the kick-off saw Ravens' centre, Gareth Howells, step up to make the score 12-6 in the Ath's favour.

At this stage, the Athletic went back on the attack, with centres Goodwin and Coles both probing the defence and left wing MacCausland twice chipping the defence, only to be denied by the Ravens' scrambling defence.

The pressure told when the Ravens were penalised for holding on as they tried to drive out of their 22, and Morris was successful with his fifth kick.

The experienced Marcus Sainsbury replaced the splendid Morgan to add new drive and physicality to the Athletic play, and

when the home team won quick ball, Morris drove in to the defenders and the ball was recycled.

Slick passing from Hopper to Williams to Baker got the ball to Davies, who crashed over in the corner. Morris failed to maintain his perfect record with the conversion.

With 10 minutes left on the clock, Dai Price, Wayne Fookes and Dan Apsee replaced Rod Jones, Gregory and Doherty, only for a flare-up to lead to Price from the Athletic and Owen Williams of the Ravens being sent to the sin-bin.

As the clock ticked towards full-time, the Ravens battered their way towards the home line and forced their way over for a consolation try, converted by Howells.

The Athletic celebrated a historic victory and looked the more adventurous side throughout, attempting to play in the 'Bridgend style', whereas the Ravens constantly tried to batter their way through, with the physicality of centre Mike Davies, scrum-half Lloyd O'Connor and young flanker Bill Carey exemplifying this approach.

Bridgend Athletic would like to thank all those who came along to support their teams and extend their gratitude to all Athletic members who helped with the organisation of the day.

The Athletic would like to thank former players Mike Rees and Phil Pook of SDL Partitions Ltd for sponsoring the fixture.

The Athletic travel to Corus next Saturday while the Ravens play Felinfoel.

## KENFIG HILL RUGBY ROUND-UP

### The Mules hold out against Brynamman

**KENFIG HILL FIRSTS** were under the cosh in the opening quarter of the game, when they could not gain any possession against a lively Brynamman side.

However, resolute defence kept Brynamman out and Kenfig Hill right winger Ian Williams broke the scoring deadlock when he intercepted a pass on the Mules' 25 and sprinted to score a try, which was converted by outside half Gareth Lewis.

Brynamman continued pressing and Kevin Owen scored after a Kenfig Hill defensive error, converted by Dafydd Jones, who added a further three penalties before Kenfig Hill replied with a well-taken try by back row forward Gavin Ansen. He side-stepped his way over from a scrum close to the line to give a half-time score of **Kenfig Hill 12, Brynamman 16**.

The Brynamman outside-half continued to pin the Mules back with some accurate tactical kicking, but the Mules ran the ball out of their own 22 and, after some good passing moves, Ian Williams went over for his second try.

Full-back Scott Hancock then got in on the act, finishing off another good passing movement. Outside-half Lewis added a penalty before Brynamman replied with a try by Dafydd Jones, which he also converted.

Kenfig Hill added a try through hooker Lee Williams when the Brynamman full-back missed an awkward bounce of the ball, and Williams was on hand to gather the ball to put the ball between the posts, converted by Evans.

Brynamman attempted a grandstand finish in front of their highly vocal supporters, but the Mules cover defence was superb.

The final score was **Kenfig Hill 32, Brynamman 23**.

For Kenfig Hill, Shaun Burnell had an excellent game at inside-centre and fellow centre Alex Pearce put in some crucial and telling tackles.

Prop Lloyd Williams had a good game in his first team debut, and Tom Briggs shone when he came on as replacement scrum-half.

### Blaengarw subs change game – but not as planned!

**ALTHOUGH Rhigos took an early lead with a penalty by outside-half Morris, Blaengarw quickly gained the upper hand when No 10 Lewis Davies intercepted a wayward pass and sprinted clear to score beneath the posts – the try was ably converted by centre Jonathan Williams.**

Rhigos gained another three points via the trusty boot of Morris, but Blaengarw were in control for the remainder of the first half. The best try of the match came in the 36th minute when a solid Blaengarw scrum created a platform for influential scrum-half and captain, Rhys Morgan, to spin the ball to Lewis Davies, who burst through the Rhigos defence, kicked ahead and sprinted to re-gather and cross in the corner for an unconverted try.

The second half began as the first half ended, with Blaengarw doing everything except putting more points on the scoreboard. However, the points drought stopped 20 minutes into the half when Lewis Davies slotted over a penalty.

With the score 15-6, it looked to all as if Blaengarw were coasting to a win.

All changed after 30 minutes when mass Blaengarw substitutions altered the flow of the game. Rhigos seized their opportunity and crossed for converted tries in the 32nd, 33rd and 35th minutes.

For the second week running, the Blaengarw faithful were left wondering how the match was lost.

Score: Blaengarw 15 (two tries, one conversion, one penalty goal), Rhigos 27 (three tries, three conversions, two penalty goals).

Next week, Blaengarw play Ogmore Vale at home. **AH**

**KENFIG HILL 2nd XV 33**  
**PENCOED 2nd XV 22**

**THIS was a thoroughly entertaining game, played in excellent spirit between two teams intent on playing hard running rugby.**

This was the Mules' first game in District Division One after winning the Division Two title last season, and all players must be congratulated on a hard-fought victory over a powerful Pencoed outfit.

Geraint Jenkins provided an excellent link between forwards and backs, and was a constant thorn in Pencoed's side with his probing runs and excellent distribution.

Other players to mention include the back row of Gareth Maund, Gareth Russell and veteran Richard Underhill, who worked well as a unit, with Gareth Russell in particular making some storming counter attacking runs.

Man-of-the-match was Mules' second row Chris Phillips for all his effort and donkey work in the tight and loose.

Scorers for Kenfig Hill: Thomas Maund (one try and four conversions); Dale Wilkins (two tries); Rhys Stanton (one try); James Preece (one try).

### MINI RUGBY

**THE mini-Mules took both an under-8 and under-7 side for the always challenging trip to Bridgend Athletic.**

Cameron Trehar captained the under-8s but, despite going through their sets, the Mules struggled to break an organised defence, losing the first half 4-0.

Inspired second half substitutions by coach Matthew Bator brought on Dylan Pearson and debutant Tom Watkins, both running straight lines into the heart of the defence.

Assisted by the tagging of Max Shears, Rhys Perry was again on the scoresheet, as was Kieran Tatum after a lovely run. Winning the second half 2-1 was a great effort from Kenfig Hill, but the final score was 5-2 in favour of the home team.

There was great news for the under-7s who came away with a 7-4 victory. A first try for hard-working Dafydd Jones and an inspired six-try display from Jack Davies took the headlines.

Captain Oliver Pinches and much-improved Joshua Jones both crossed the line and were unlucky not to record a try each.

A first game in the northern hemisphere went well for George Buckley, matched by debutant Euan James.

### UNDER-9S

**THE young Mules travelled to Bridgend Athletic for their first-ever game of full contact rugby.**

In the first game, Kenfig struggled to get to grips with a big and strong Athletic Greens team. They were more experienced than the Mules, but the youngsters from Kenfig Hill stuck to their task well, defending like Trojans throughout.

The final score was **Bridgend Athletic Greens 5, Kenfig Hill 0**. Jack Underhill produced a man-of-the-match performance with some excellent tackling.

In the second game against Bridgend Athletic Yellows, the Mules showed what a force they will be this year. After getting the first game nerves out of the way, Kenfig started well with a well-worked try by Nico Evans.

From then on it was plain sailing for Kenfig, who went on to score tries from Connor Brace (three), Connor Farnham (two); Sion Jones and Phill Burnell had one apiece.

Nico Evans scored another two tries during the game to give him a hat trick and the man-of-the-match accolade.

**Final score: Bridgend Athletic Yellows 3, Kenfig Hill 10.**

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## Wattstown put Police under real pressure

**WATTSTOWN 21**  
**SOUTH WALES POLICE 5**

**SOUTH Wales Police lost this league match but rued missed chances against promoted champions Wattstown.**

Wattstown took charge of the game from the first whistle with their far bigger forwards causing the Police problems, especially in the scrum.

Poor Police discipline saw the home side take the lead through two well-taken penalties. However, although the Police never seemed in the game in the first half, they showed some good signs of picking up the pace and this resulted in wing Mark Down diving over in the corner for an unconverted try.

Other chances came along in the first half, but the final pass never went to hand.

The Police were giving a good account of themselves, with Jason Davies and Carl Davies carrying well and Simon Giboney harrying the opposition at every opportunity.

However, it was Police poor tackling that let them down again when a break from the Wattstown backs saw the eventual try scorer cut through the defence with ease. The home side increased their lead with another penalty.

The Police eventually picked up the pace, but left the defence open again for the home side to get a final converted try on the stroke of full time.

There was another fine performance in defence and attack from centre Rod Jenkins, the work rate of hooker Carl Davies stood out, and brother Craig made a big impact at full-back.